



Graduate Certificate
Trauma Studies

16 credits • Certified Trauma Specialist • Certified Trauma Responder • Certified Trauma Service Specialist

TRAUMA STUDIES provides professional training in crisis intervention and trauma treatment, education and prevention, leading to certification. The program has a strong commitment to educating compassionate, ethical and effective trauma specialists. The program emphasizes the role of trauma specialists in implementing trauma-informed care across disciplines and utilizing community resources.

Careers — Upon completion, students will be qualified to provide trauma-specific services and work in crisis and disaster response teams. They will be academically eligible for international certification.

Learning Outcomes — Students will gain knowledge of crisis, trauma, post-traumatic stress reactions, trauma-specific interventions and disaster mental health in multi-cultural settings. They can apply the learned skills in trauma assessment, counseling and treatment to effectively respond to immediate and long-term needs of survivors, including war veterans, survivors of child abuse, first responders, immigrants and refugees, as well as victims of crime, disasters, domestic violence, sex trafficking and torture.

	credits
CCP615 Psychopathology <i>or</i>	
CCP614 Child & Adolescent Psychopathology	3
CCP622 Ethics & Professional Issues for School Counselors & Mental Health Practitioners	3
Trauma	
CCP607 Disaster Mental Health (no courses may be substituted) . . .	1
CCP724 Post Traumatic Stress Reactions.	3
CCP727 Clinical Interventions for Combat Stress & Trauma <i>or</i>	
CCP729 Trauma Intervention in School Settings	3
CCP728 Trauma-specific Interventions	3

Students who previously completed any of the listed courses shall consult with the program coordinator for substitute course work to meet the requirement of 16 credits.

Admission requirements

- Bachelor's degree and other general requirements.
- Interview with and approval of program director.

Transfer credit — These courses may be taken alone as a certificate of completion or evaluated for transfer into a Cambridge College master's degree program; courses must meet current program requirements and credit limits at time of matriculation.

CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Depending on the highest degree completed, students may apply for the following certifications:

Certified Trauma Specialist (CTS) — For counselors, clinicians and treatment specialists who provide individual, group, and/or family counseling, therapy, or support groups:

- Master's degree in counseling or related field.

Certified Trauma Responder (CTR) — For those who provide crisis intervention and management, crisis and peer counseling, and trauma response.

- Bachelor's degree and other general requirements (see Admission).
- 40 hours of documented experience on a crisis response team.

Certified Trauma Service Specialist (CTSS) — For those who provide crisis intervention, crisis support, advocacy, or victim assistance.

- Bachelor's degree or high school diploma/GED.
- At least one year of experience in crisis intervention.

Certification by ATSS — Cambridge College strives to offer the appropriate educational requirements for certification by the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists, International Certification Board (ATSS). Additional ATSS requirements must be met in order to be certified. The levels of certification have differing requirements. Please refer to ATSS Info or the program guide for further information. Supervised clinical practice hours may be completed through the practicum/internship placements that are part of a Cambridge College degree program.

Students are responsible for monitoring and understanding ATSS requirements for certification, and for ensuring that their program of study complies with all requirements.

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