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SUICIDE PREVENTION, PRACTICE, AND POLICY CERTIFICATE (ONLINE)

Gain skills to develop and evaluate suicide prevention programs

ABOUT

This 12-credit program is the first and only online certificate offered by a U.S. university that focuses exclusively on suicide prevention. Offered in collaboration with the [Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology \(GSAPP\)](#), the certificate focuses on clinical, organizational, workplace, public health, and policy approaches to suicide prevention. This unique approach to suicide prevention education will ensure that learners acquire knowledge of the economic, political, commercial, and social determinants of suicide. The certificate will prepare learners to implement, evaluate, and critique suicide prevention strategies at a time when the U.S. is experiencing rising suicide rates.



The **Suicide Prevention, Practice, and Policy Certificate** is intended for working professionals and students in:

- Healthcare: Psychology, public health, social work, addiction, nursing, medicine
- Social and criminal justice: Law, public policy, social policy, social welfare, criminology
- Organizational settings: Corporations, the military, universities
- Media: Journalism, mass communications, social media

PROGRAM DESIGN

You can complete the Suicide Prevention, Practice, and Policy Certificate in two to three semesters, or you can plan a schedule for completing the courses over a two-year period (*maximum timeframe*). The online course offerings make it convenient to continue working or gain experience while earning your Suicide Prevention, Practice, and Policy Certificate.

Depending on the degree program and concentration, certificate courses may also be applied toward a degree at the Rutgers School of Public Health. Certificate holders must apply and be admitted to the degree program.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS (12 credits) *Courses are all fully online.*

- **HBSP 0682** - Understanding Suicide: Facts, Myths, & Solutions (3 cr.)
- **HBSP 0683** - Societal, Commercial, and Policy Determinants of Suicide (3 cr.)
- **HBSP 9512** - Evidence-Based Clinical Interventions for Suicide (3 cr.) *Cross-listed with TBD at Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology*
- **HBSP 9513** - Suicide Risk Assessment Across Populations and Settings (3 cr.) *Cross-listed with TBD at Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology*

Graduates of CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health may transfer up to six (6) credits towards a certificate program if earned within the past seven years with a grade of B or better and are deemed appropriate by the respective Certificate Program Coordinator.



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The school has several research centers and works closely with Rutgers University institutes:

- Center for Public Health Workforce Development
- Center for Health, Identity, Behavior & Prevention Studies
- Center on Gun Violence Research
- Center for South Asian Quantitative Health & Education
- Institute for Nicotine & Tobacco Studies
- Institute for Health, Healthcare, Policy and Aging Research
- ...and more

“BY INTEGRATING PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES, GRADUATES ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVES AT COMMUNITY, POPULATION, AND POLICY LEVELS. THIS MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH UNIQUELY POSITIONS CERTIFICATE HOLDERS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS CRITICAL FIELD.”

Dr. Joye Anestis, Associate Professor, Department of Health Behavior, Society and Policy

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have:

- ▶ Completed an accredited undergraduate program in the U.S. or its equivalent
- ▶ Demonstrated academic achievement in an appropriate discipline

Applicants must submit:

- ▶ Application for admission
- ▶ Official transcripts of all prior work
- ▶ Letter of intent, including statement of purpose for application to the program
- ▶ Resume or CV
- ▶ Application fee

International applicants must submit:

- ▶ TOEFL scores and WES evaluations

APPLY TODAY!



go.rutgers.edu/sph-apply

COST

Tuition is governed by Rutgers University and is subject to change without notice. Please visit the [Rutgers School of Public Health's Tuition & Fees webpage](https://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/tuition-fees) (<https://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/tuition-fees>) to confirm current tuition rates and fees.

Gainful Employment information can be found [here](https://sph.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/2023-03/Gainful-Employment-disclosure.pdf) (<https://sph.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/2023-03/Gainful-Employment-disclosure.pdf>)

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