Advanced Suicide Prevention in Correctional Facilities Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Through intensive training modules, real-world case studies, and practical simulations, participants will enhance their ability to identify suicidal ideation, execute crisis interventions, and develop facility-wide preventive frameworks. The program integrates clinical tools, legal frameworks, and cultural competency, providing a robust platform for improving inmate safety, staff preparedness, and overall institutional resilience. This course is ideal for correctional healthcare providers, crisis responders, psychologists, prison administrators, and other stakeholders committed to reducing inmate suicide rates through proactive, informed, and compassionate action.

Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand suicide risk factors in incarcerated populations.
2. Apply trauma-informed approaches to suicide prevention.
3. Assess mental health screening tools for high-risk inmates.
4. Design suicide prevention protocols specific to correctional settings.
5. Execute effective crisis intervention strategies during acute risk.
6. Monitor and evaluate suicide watch procedures.
7. Enhance interagency collaboration for suicide prevention.
8. Address cultural and gender-specific suicide risk factors.
9. Utilize AI-powered risk assessment tools in inmate evaluations.
10. Implement postvention programs following suicide attempts or deaths.
11. Examine legal and ethical considerations in suicide prevention policies.
12. Train correctional staff in suicidal behavior recognition and response.
13. Develop a comprehensive facility suicide prevention plan.

Target Audiences

1. Correctional facility administrators
2. Prison mental health professionals
3. Jail medical staff and counselors
4. Correctional officers and frontline staff
5. Probation and parole officers
6. Emergency crisis responders
7. Public health and policy experts
8. Criminal justice reform advocates

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Course Modules

Module 1: Suicide Trends in Correctional Facilities

- Overview of global and national statistics
- Identifying at-risk demographics
- Common methods and timing of suicide in custody
- The role of isolation and solitary confinement
- Data analytics for suicide tracking
- **Case Study:** Rise in inmate suicides during pretrial detention

Module 2: Risk Factors and Warning Signs

- Mental illness and co-occurring disorders
- Substance use and withdrawal symptoms
- History of trauma and abuse
- Behavioral indicators of suicidality

- Use of screening tools upon intake
- **Case Study:** Missed suicide cues in a county jail intake unit

Module 3: Suicide Risk Assessment Tools

- Validated instruments (e.g., SIRAS, Columbia Scale)
- Intake vs. ongoing assessments
- Integrating electronic health records
- Scoring and interpretation best practices
- Challenges in under-resourced facilities
- **Case Study:** Implementing SIRAS in a high-capacity prison

Module 4: Trauma-Informed Care in Corrections

- Understanding trauma's impact on behavior
- Creating safe, supportive environments
- De-escalation techniques for staff
- Promoting resilience among inmates
- Reducing retraumatization
- **Case Study:** Female inmate suicide prevention program

Module 5: Legal and Ethical Considerations

- Duty of care and liability in suicide cases
- Civil rights and humane treatment mandates
- Confidentiality vs. risk disclosure
- Legal cases shaping correctional mental health policy
- Ethical dilemmas in suicide watch
- **Case Study:** Wrongful death lawsuit following inmate suicide

Module 6: Cultural and Gender-Sensitive Prevention

- Suicide disparities among racial/ethnic groups
- LGBTQ+ inmates and suicide risk
- Gender-responsive screening and interventions
- Training staff in cultural humility
- Addressing stigma in male-dominated environments
- **Case Study:** Suicide intervention in transgender inmate housing

Module 7: Suicide Prevention Protocols

- Developing structured policies
- Intake screening and classification
- Physical environment safety measures
- Staff responsibilities and training
- Documentation and reporting standards
- **Case Study:** Protocol development in a youth correctional facility

Module 8: Staff Training and Burnout Prevention

- Recognizing signs of secondary trauma
- Mental health training modules for staff
- Stress management and self-care strategies
- Reporting and response guidelines
- Leadership's role in staff wellness
- **Case Study:** Reducing staff turnover after suicide incidents

Module 9: Monitoring & Suicide Watch

- Levels of observation and supervision
- Designing safe watch cells
- Documentation of behaviors
- Transitioning from high to low-risk status
- Balancing care with control
- **Case Study:** Suicide watch audit in a maximum-security facility

Module 10: Crisis Intervention Strategies

- Verbal de-escalation and active listening
- Emergency medical response procedures
- Utilizing mobile crisis teams
- Coordination with psychiatric services
- Developing a rapid response protocol
- **Case Study:** Inmate saved by coordinated crisis response

Module 11: Role of AI and Digital Tools

- AI risk assessment algorithms
- Predictive analytics in mental health alerts
- Integration with facility software
- Ethical concerns in digital profiling
- Ensuring transparency and fairness
- **Case Study:** AI detection of suicidal ideation in monitored calls

Module 12: Postvention Practices

- Immediate actions after a suicide
- Supporting staff and inmates
- Grief counseling and peer support groups
- Policy reviews and system improvement
- Public relations and media strategy
- **Case Study:** Institutional recovery after a suicide cluster

Module 13: Family and Community Engagement

- Notification and communication protocols
- Involving families in prevention
- Transition planning for reentry
- Partnerships with community mental health providers
- Victim support services
- **Case Study:** Family lawsuit following communication breakdown

Module 14: Youth Suicide Prevention in Juvenile Facilities

- Adolescent brain development and vulnerability
- School-based interventions inside juvenile centers
- Peer mentorship models
- Suicide-proofing juvenile housing
- Collaborative programs with child psychologists
- **Case Study:** Teen suicide in detention prompts policy overhaul

Module 15: Creating a Suicide Prevention Culture

- Leadership commitment and advocacy

- Multi-stakeholder engagement
- Policy integration with everyday operations
- Empowering inmates through peer roles
- Continuous improvement through data feedback
- **Case Study:** Culture shift in a state prison system leads to suicide decline

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with mental health experts
- Simulation exercises and role-playing scenarios
- Case study analysis and group discussions
- Facility-specific action planning
- On-site or virtual facility risk audits
- Post-course follow-up and evaluation tools

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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