Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Problem-Solving Courts 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

Therapeutic Jurisprudence (TJ) and Problem-Solving Courts have revolutionized the criminal justice system by emphasizing healing, rehabilitation, and systemic transformation. Training Course on Therapeutic Jurisprudence & Problem-Solving Courts provides an in-depth exploration of legal practices that incorporate psychological well-being, trauma-informed care, and restorative justice. With the rise of drug courts, mental health courts, domestic violence courts, and veterans' courts, this program equips professionals with evidence-based tools and strategic frameworks to address underlying behavioral issues that contribute to criminal behavior. Through hands-on modules and real-world case studies, participants will build core competencies in multidisciplinary collaboration, client-centered justice, judicial innovation, and behavioral health interventions within the court system.

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Programme Curriculum

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Objectives

1. Define therapeutic jurisprudence and its role in criminal justice reform.
2. Explore the structure and function of problem-solving courts.
3. Examine the integration of mental health and substance use disorder treatment in the courtroom.
4. Analyze trauma-informed judicial practices and restorative justice techniques.
5. Evaluate strategies for reducing recidivism through non-adversarial court processes.
6. Study interdisciplinary collaboration between law, psychology, and social work.
7. Develop court policies rooted in evidence-based sentencing and client-centered care.
8. Understand the legal, social, and ethical dimensions of drug courts and mental health courts.
9. Assess outcomes and performance metrics of problem-solving courts.
10. Design rehabilitation-focused interventions within a legal framework.
11. Explore community engagement and peer-support integration in problem-solving courts.
12. Identify funding, advocacy, and policy-making strategies for judicial innovation.
13. Apply procedural justice principles to enhance trust and legitimacy in the legal system.

Target Audience

1. Judges and magistrates
2. Defense attorneys and prosecutors
3. Mental health professionals
4. Social workers and case managers
5. Court administrators
6. Policy analysts and legislative aides
7. Law enforcement officers
8. Criminal justice and public health educators

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Therapeutic Jurisprudence

- Historical development of TJ
- Legal theory and behavioral science
- Core principles and values
- Integration with restorative justice
- Multisectoral policy evolution
- **Case Study**: Miami-Dade Criminal Mental Health Project

Module 2: Problem-Solving Courts: Models and Frameworks

- Drug courts and mental health courts
- Domestic violence and veterans courts
- Community court structures
- Diversion vs incarceration
- Systemic impact of court models
- **Case Study**: Brooklyn Mental Health Court

Module 3: Substance Use and Behavioral Health in Courts

- Understanding addiction and treatment modalities
- Trauma-informed judicial practices
- Clinical screening and assessments
- Coordinated treatment plans
- Interagency collaboration tools
- **Case Study**: Anchorage Wellness Court

Module 4: Trauma-Informed Justice Practices

- Recognizing trauma symptoms in defendants
- Reducing retraumatization in court
- Psychological safety strategies
- Gender-sensitive approaches
- Training court personnel in trauma response
- **Case Study**: Philadelphia Women's Trauma Court

Module 5: Juvenile Problem-Solving Courts

- Adolescent brain development and accountability
- School-to-prison pipeline intervention
- Family-based treatment models
- Educational equity within court mandates
- Youth diversion strategies
- **Case Study**: Santa Clara Juvenile Drug Court

Module 6: Veterans Treatment Courts

- Unique challenges facing veterans
- PTSD, moral injury, and substance abuse
- VA partnerships and community support
- Military cultural competence
- Holistic justice for veteran populations
- **Case Study**: Buffalo Veterans Court

Module 7: Domestic Violence Courts and Interventions

- Victim safety and perpetrator accountability
- Batterer intervention programs
- Coordinated community response
- Legal remedies and support services
- Confidentiality and ethical boundaries
- **Case Study**: New York Integrated Domestic Violence Court

Module 8: Judicial Role Transformation

- Non-adversarial judicial leadership

- Motivational interviewing in courtrooms
- Active listening and emotional intelligence
- Building trust and rapport
- Courtroom decorum redefined
- **Case Study**: Red Hook Community Justice Center

Module 9: Measuring Court Outcomes

- Quantitative and qualitative performance indicators
- Long-term impact evaluation
- Stakeholder feedback systems
- Public health vs criminal justice metrics
- Data transparency and accountability
- **Case Study**: National Drug Court Institute Data Portal

Module 10: Ethical Considerations in Therapeutic Jurisprudence

- Balancing care with coercion
- Confidentiality and dual roles
- Voluntariness and informed consent
- Role conflict management
- Legal rights and procedural safeguards
- **Case Study**: Ethics in the Cook County Mental Health Court

Module 11: Collaborative Court Team Dynamics

- Roles of the treatment team
- Conflict resolution and communication
- Cross-sector collaboration
- Continuous training and feedback
- Inclusivity in team decision-making
- **Case Study**: San Francisco Behavioral Health Court Team Model

Module 12: Cultural Competency and Equity in Courts

- Addressing systemic bias and disparities
- Culturally appropriate services
- Language access and interpreter services
- LGBTQ+ inclusivity in court settings
- Equity-driven policy development
- **Case Study**: LA County Cultural Responsiveness Court Project

Module 13: Community Engagement & Peer Support Integration

- Role of peer mentors in court systems
- Community-based reentry support
- Housing, employment, and health access
- Lived experience as leadership
- Promoting civic reintegration
- **Case Study**: Tennessee Recovery Courts Peer Support Program

Module 14: Funding and Policy Advocacy for Problem-Solving Courts

- Navigating government and grant funding
- Legislative strategies for TJ expansion
- Coalition building and stakeholder alignment

- Advocacy messaging and media relations
- Evaluating return on investment (ROI)
- **Case Study**: Federal Support for Drug Courts under the Second Chance Act

Module 15: Designing and Implementing New Courts

- Needs assessment and feasibility studies
- Building multidisciplinary planning teams
- Drafting policy and procedural guidelines
- Pilot implementation strategies
- Monitoring and scaling approaches
- **Case Study**: Launch of the Oregon Mental Health Court

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations
- Small group activities and role-play simulations
- Real-life case study analysis and reflection
- Peer-reviewed project work and discussion forums
- On-site visits or virtual tours of model courts
- Capstone project: proposal for a new problem-solving court in a target community

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
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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