

# TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE, CERTIFICATE

The Trauma-Informed Practice (TIP) Certificate is an 18-credit, graduate-level, cross disciplinary certificate offered through the USC College of Social Work. The certificate will provide cutting edge, specialized trauma knowledge and the development of practice skills in trauma intervention across a range of practice areas.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate competent knowledge of trauma in neuroscientific research and practice.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of trauma-informed practice principles and their intersection with human rights and anti-racist frameworks, applied to diverse individuals, families, and communities, including those who have experienced racism and oppression.
3. Students will demonstrate practice skills in the areas of trauma-informed engagement and assessment, trauma-sensitive relationship building, and trauma-responsive interventions across diverse populations and settings.
4. Students will demonstrate capacity to develop trauma-informed policies and practices in and between various organizations, institutions, and systems people encounter, including education, child welfare, criminal justice, health and mental health, substance use, and others.
5. Students will competently apply knowledge about the impact of personal and collective, secondary, and vicarious exposure to trauma, engage in ethical decision-making that addresses the potential risk for harm in helping relationships, and develop self-care and relational support practices.

## Admissions Criteria

It is each applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required application materials are received. Applicants should list the Graduate Certificate in Trauma-Informed Practice on the application under degree pursued. The program accepts applications on a rolling basis.

## Currently Enrolled Students in the Master of Social Work Program

Students in good academic standing may request concurrent enrollment. Interested students must contact the program coordinator to review the application process.

## Other Applicants

Applicants not currently enrolled in the Master of Social Work program, must submit the following for full consideration:

1. A completed application with all requested information and supporting documents supplied.
2. Official transcripts showing all college-level course work attempted and the award of the baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university.
3. At least two letters of recommendation
4. International applicants whose native language is not English are also required to submit a satisfactory score on an approved language proficiency test. See International Students and Credentials (<https://>

[academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/policies-regulations/graduate-admissions/degree-seeking-admissions/#text](http://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/policies-regulations/graduate-admissions/degree-seeking-admissions/#text)) for more information.

## Requirements (18 Hours)

The Trauma-Informed Practice program curriculum requires 18 graduate credit hours.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SOWK 707	Trauma-Informed Practice with Children, Youth, and Families	3
SOWK 708	Trauma-Informed Practice with Adults and Older Adults	3
SOWK 709	Collective Trauma and Recovery	3
<b>Electives</b> 9		
Courses in other programs that count toward the certificate:		
For Master of Social Work (MSW)		
SOWK 777	Advanced Theory for Social Work Practice	
SOWK 779	Advanced Social Work Interventions	
For M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice		
CRJU 703	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	
CRJU 741	Criminology	
For Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice		
CRJU 814	Research Design in Criminology and Criminal Justice	
CRJU 821	Advanced Criminological Theory	
For Ed.S. in Counselor Education (Clinical Mental Health; Marriage, Couples & Family; or School Counseling)		
EDCE 702	Counselor as Consultant	
EDCE 706	Assessment in Counseling	
For Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)		
ISCI 702	Community Engagement and Service	
ISCI 752	Diversity in Libraries	
For Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)		
NURS 759	Management of Common Chronic Health Problems for the FNP	
For Master of Science in Nursing—Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)		
NURS 764	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum II: Management of Complex Psychiatric/Mental Health Conditions	
For Master of Science in Nursing—Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)		
NURS 774	Principles of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Complex Health Problems II	
Select remaining hours, or all nine hours if not enrolled in one of the programs above, from the following:		
CRJU 751	Juvenile Justice	
CRJU 771	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
CRJU 772	Race, Crime, and Justice	
CRJU 781	Violence and Victims	
ISCI 782	Social Justice Storytelling and Advocacy	
ISCI 797	Selected Topics in Librarianship and Information Services	
LAWS 841	Law and Social Justice Seminar	

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LAWS 786	Seminar on Restorative and Transformative Justice
SOCY 775	Medical Sociology
SOCY 779	Selected Topics in Medical Sociology
SOWK 738	Military Mental Health and the Impact of Trauma
SOWK 748	Crisis Intervention
SOWK 752	Social Work Intervention in Substance Abuse
SOWK 759	Psychopathology and Psychodiagnostics for Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents or SOWK 76(Psychopathology and Psychodiagnostics for Social Work Practice with Adults and Older Adults
SOWK 762	Loss, Grief, and Social Work Intervention
SOWK 764	Independent Study
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>