Description:
This intensive two-day module provides training in the assessment and treatment of suicidal ideation and behavior. Participants will receive in-depth training in cognitive-behavioral therapy for suicide prevention and will have the opportunity to practice assessment and intervention strategies. Video demonstrations and participant role-plays will be used in class to practice key assessment and treatment techniques. The module lays the foundation for working with suicidal patients by providing a detailed review of the epidemiology of suicide both in the civilian population and within the military/Veteran community. Participants will be introduced to the Self-Directed Violence Classification System (SDVCS), a nomenclature supported by the DoD/VA for self-directed violence and suicidal behavior. In addition, a review of several theories of suicide will be covered, as well as risk and protective factors for suicidal behavior. The module is designed for behavioral health providers working with Service members and Veterans who are seeking in-depth training in empirically supported treatment options they can immediately incorporate into their clinical practice. The training will provide hands-on practice activities and is geared toward an actively involved audience through discussion and in workshop activities. Participants must attend both days, as the course material is cumulative.
Total CE Credits: 14.0

Learning Objectives:
Following the training, attendees will be able to:
1. Differentiate between rates of suicide in civilian and military populations and identify the clinical implications of these differences.
2. Categorize suicidal and non-suicidal thoughts and behaviors in relation to clinical assessment.
3. Apply at least one psychological theory of suicide to the process of clinical assessment and treatment planning.
4. Integrate suicide risk and protective factors unique to military populations into overall risk assessment for suicide.
5. Develop a safety plan in collaboration with a patient.
6. Use means safety counseling in patient interactions to improve clinical outcomes.
8. Evaluate key negative thoughts associated with the intent to die by suicide as related to clinical practice.
9. Apply CBT formulation of suicide using the expanded case conceptualization model of the suicidal crisis.

10. Use cognitive, behavioral, and affective coping strategies associated with CBT-SP to help patients cope with suicide urges.

11. Modify standard behavioral activation practices to be applied within the CBT-SP protocol.

12. Use the guided imagery exercise as part of the relapse prevention protocol for CBT-SP.

**Target Audience:** For behavioral health providers who treat military personnel, veterans, and their families. Specifically, this workshop is for Active Duty, GS-DoD, and contractor-DoD behavioral health providers who provide conventional psychotherapy to Service members at a military facility (working directly for the military and having a .mil email address, or one pending). Nurses and nurse practitioners are also welcome as long as they meet these requirements.

**Instructional Content Level:** Intermediate

**Agenda:**

**Day One**

1000 – 1015 Course Introduction
1015 – 1030 Epidemiology of Suicide
1030 – 1110 Nomenclature
1110 – 1140 Risk and Protective Factors
1140 – 1155 Theoretical Underpinnings: Interpersonal Psychological Theory of Suicide Risk – Dr. Thomas Joiner
1155 – 1210 Theoretical Underpinnings: Three-Step Theory of Suicide – Drs. David Klonsky and Alexis May
1210 – 1225 Break
1225 – 1245 Cognitive Therapy for Suicide Prevention – Empirical support for CBT
1245 – 1330 Intro to Cognitive Therapy for Suicide Prevention
Theory of CBT
Structure of treatment
Session structure
1330 – 1400 CBT for Suicide Prevention, Early Phase of Treatment – Overview
1400 – 1500 Lunch
1500 – 1525 Fluid Vulnerability Theory
1525 – 1655 CBT for Suicide Prevention, Early Phase of Treatment – Conducting a suicide risk assessment
Suicide risk continuum
Suicide risk assessment role play
1655 – 1710 Break
1710 – 1740 Narrative Description
1740 – 1815 Constructing a Timeline
1815 – 1830 Questions and Wrap-up
1830 Adjourn

**Day Two**

1000 – 1010 Check-In and Review of Day 1
1010 – 1110 Crisis Intervention
Safety planning
### Crisis response plan

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**Continuing Education:**

**Course Completion Requirements:** Participants are required to attend the entire training. Partial credits cannot be issued. Attendance is taken through the use of electronic logs, and a post-training evaluation form must be completed in order to receive social work CE credits. For psychology CE credits, completion of the evaluation is strongly encouraged. If you do not wish to complete the evaluation but desire to receive psychology CEs please contact the POC after the training event.

There is a 30-day time limit post-training to complete all CE requirements. CE Credit Certificates will be emailed within 30 days after all course requirements have been completed.

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Inquiries regarding CE credits may be directed via email to Katie Medina at katie.medina.ctr@usuhs.edu.

**Participate:**

**Online Platform:** Zoom
Date: 13-14 December 2022

Time: 10:00am – 6:30pm Eastern

Registration Information: [https://deploymentpsych.org/workshops](https://deploymentpsych.org/workshops)

Registration Deadline: Registration will close one week prior to the class start date or when capacity is met.

Cancellations/Questions: Please contact Katie Medina at katie.medina.ctr@usuhs.edu if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration.

Registration Cost/Refunds: Free

Required Materials: None

Location Information: Online via Zoom

Instructional Format: This live webinar is fully interactive. Attendees may ask and answer questions throughout the presentation and participate in instructor-led discussions.

System Requirements:

- Zoom:
  - Internet connection
  - Operating System: Windows 7 or higher, Mac OS X with MacOS 10.9 or higher
  - Web Browser: Internet Explorer 11+, Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+, Safari 7+
  - Hardware: 1Ghz processor or higher

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She joined the CDP in 2014 after completing her postdoctoral fellowship at Harbor- UCLA Medical Center, where she was actively involved in CBT and DBT intervention, supervision and education. She completed her predoctoral internship at Didi Hirsch Mental Health Center, focusing her training suicide prevention and evidence-based interventions for the treatment of individuals with severe, chronic mental illness.

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