

INFORMED CONSENT

You are being asked to participate in a research study titled “Development and testing of an online immersive interactive learning experience to augment suicide prevention training workshops for behavioral health providers.” This study is being led by Dr. David Riggs, Director of the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to decide whether or not to be in the study. Please read the form carefully. You may ask questions about the purpose of the research, what we would ask you to do, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear by emailing the study team at SLIPS@usuhs.edu or the Study PI at david.riggs@usuhs.edu.

PURPOSE

The study aims to evaluate the use of an asynchronous, immersive, interactive online learning activity for training mental health providers in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicide Prevention.

PROCEDURES

If you participate in this study, you will complete the standard 2-day workshop (approximately 16 hours) on suicide prevention provided by the CDP to be delivered through the CDPs online Second Life platform. In addition, you may be provided open access to engage with the online learning environment (also through Second Life) for 30 days following the workshop. Approximately 30 to 60 days following the 2-day workshop, you will complete a simulated clinical encounter with a simulated patient (a trained actor) using video-teleconferencing. This interaction will last 60-90 minutes and will be recorded for coding. At three times during your participation, you will be asked to complete brief (approximately 15 minutes) assessments.

To participate in the study, you will need to download a Second Life viewer on a laptop or desktop computer. Second Life is not permitted on networks or internet connections belonging to US military bases or the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Some workplace internet connections also will not permit Second Life. Therefore, we encourage participants to use a home computer and internet connection. Second Life is also incompatible with mobile phones and tablet computers.

Audio/Video Recording

As part of your participation, you will complete a video recorded simulated clinical encounter with a trained actor. Neither your name nor any other identifying information will be associated with the audio or video recording or the transcript. These simulated patient encounters will be reviewed only by the study team. Transcripts of your interview may be reproduced in whole or in part for use in presentations or written products that result from this study. Neither your name nor any other identifying information (such as your voice or picture) will be used in presentations or in written products resulting from the study. Recordings will be destroyed 7 years after the completion of the study.

RISKS, STRESS, OR DISCOMFORT

Although unlikely, it is possible disclosure of identifiable information pertaining to participation may occur. However, appropriate measures will be taken to secure the data and limit this risk.

BENEFITS

You will receive a two-day training workshop in state-of-the-art assessment and treatment procedures for addressing suicidal thoughts and behaviors at no cost you. This training may make you better prepared to respond to suicidal patients within your practice using evidence-based, effective techniques, potentially reducing risk within the populations you serve. Additionally, you will receive access to the interactive, immersive learning environment. Participants who are not randomized to receive access to the learning environment as part of their participation in the study will receive access to the environment once all participants have completed study activities.

This study also may inform future training in evidence based psychotherapies and may increase access to trainings and decrease cost associated with training behavioral health providers.

COMPENSATION

By participating in this study and completing the 2-day workshop, you will receive 14 continuing education (CE) credits. 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. Additionally, your name, email address, and profession may be shared to process the continuing education credits. 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. Although you will receive instruction in the use of CBT-SP and receive a certificate for continuing education credits, this does not constitute “certification” in CBT-SP. To receive CE credits, you are required to attend the entire training.

You will receive a letter of appreciation from the PI/CDP Director documenting the clinical competencies targeted in the study’s learning materials for completing the post-workshop survey. After completing the simulated patient encounter, you will receive written feedback within 30 days. For completing all study activities (i.e., attending the workshop, completing all assessments, and engaging in the immersive learning environment, if applicable), you will receive a certificate for early access to a complimentary CDP provided workshop with CE credits. This certificate expires one year after the date of issuance.

PRIVATE INFORMATION

Privacy/Confidentiality/Data Security

Deidentified data will be stored on the study Google Drive. Data will be downloaded into a password protected file on a secure, password protected study computer for analysis. Your name, Second Life name, and contact information will be stored separately in a password protected file on a different password protected study computer.

Please note the surveys are being conducted via SurveyMonkey. Additionally, the 2-day workshop and immersive learning environment are hosted on the Second Life platform. These

companies not affiliated with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences or the Department of Defense and have their own privacy and security policies that you can find on their websites.

You may be contacted through email. Please note that email communication is neither private nor secure. Though we are taking precautions to protect your privacy, you should be aware that information sent through e-mail could be read by a third party.

Your confidentiality will be kept to the degree permitted by the technology being used. We cannot guarantee against interception of data sent via the internet by third parties. Additionally, data may exist on backups and server logs beyond the timeframe of this research project. We anticipate that your participation in this survey presents no greater risk than everyday use of the Internet.

Sharing De-identified Data Collected in this Research

De-identified data from this study may be shared with the research community at large to advance science and health. We will remove or recode any personal information that could identify you before files are shared with other researchers to ensure that, by current scientific standards and known methods, no one will be able to identify you from the information we share. Despite these measures, we cannot guarantee anonymity of your personal data.

PARTICIPATION

Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you are free to skip any questions or procedures or withdraw from the study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Should you choose to not participate in the 2-day workshop or withdraw prior to the completion of the 2-day workshop, you may not qualify for CE credits. To withdraw from the study, you should contact the study principal investigator, Dr. Riggs, stating your desire to withdraw from participation. The investigator reserves the right to withdraw you at his professional discretion.

If you have questions regarding your participation in this study, the principal investigator conducting this study is Dr. David Riggs, a professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and Director of the Center for Deployment Psychology. If you have questions, you may contact Dr. Riggs at david.riggs@usuhs.edu or at 301-295-9678. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a subject in this study, you may contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Human Participants at IRB1@usuhs.edu or access their website at <https://www.usuhs.edu/research/about/compliance>.

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

If you have read this form and have decided to participate in this project, please understand your participation is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. The alternative is not to participate. You have the right to refuse to answer particular questions. The results of this research study may be presented at scientific or professional meetings or

published in scientific journals. Your individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data resulting from the study.

Your Name (typed) _____ Date _____

Email address _____

A participant ID will be used to protect your confidentiality. Using the following, please create your personal participant ID.

- First letter of your middle name (if you do not have a middle name, please use "X")
- The 2-digit day of your birth (e.g., if you were born on October 5, 1969, you would enter "05")
- The two letter state code where you were born (e.g., if you were born in Maryland, you would enter "MD"). If you were born outside of the US, please use the first two letters of the country where you were born (e.g., if you were born in Japan, you would enter "Ja").
- First letter of your mother's maiden name (if you do not know your mother's maiden name, please use "X")

Participant ID _____

This consent form will be kept by the researcher for seven years beyond the end of the study.

A copy of this consent form can be downloaded from our webpage (deploymentpsych.org/SLIPS)

2-DAY WORKSHOP

Please indicate your preferences for the available workshop dates.

0900-1730ET - October 31-November 1, 2022

1100-1930ET - December 8-9, 2022

1100-1930ET - January 12-13, 2022

0900-1730ET - February 13-14, 2022

FOLLOW UP STUDIES

We may contact you again to request your participation in a follow up study. As always, your participation will be voluntary, and we will ask for your explicit consent to participate in any of the follow up studies.

May we contact you again to request your participation in a follow up study? Yes/No