

ASU School of Social Work Trauma & Bereavement Certificate Program

Help is needed.

There is a growing, undeniable demand in society for healthcare workers and clinicians who are better prepared to assist clients and patients experiencing traumatic incidents, sometimes including the death of a loved one.

Traumatic loss and grief can have devastating physical, emotional and spiritual effects on the individual and the community. In addition to the toll taken on society, the price tag for unresolved grief is measured in the billions of dollars annually in lost productivity, lower job performance, and destructive coping. A recent report suggests the “hidden” annual cost of grief in the workplace related to a loved one’s passing is estimated at \$37 billion.



Help is on the way.

As the specialized education necessary to address traumatic loss and grief continues to grow in importance, the School of Social Work in ASU’s College of Public Programs has designed a unique 18-credit graduate program leading to a Certificate in Trauma and Bereavement (CTB).

Created for working professionals and graduate students, the certificate program will better prepare individuals to work in the fields of death and dying, trauma and bereavement in clinical, organizational, and administrative settings. The specialized curriculum will enhance students’ knowledge about grief responses and the effects of trauma and will provide hands-on opportunities for students to research and transform the management of grief, traumatic loss, and end-of-life issues in contemporary society.

Already working in the field? Expand your expertise.

As the demand for healthcare workers and clinicians with qualified experience in this field continues to grow, the certificate will benefit physicians, nurses, social workers, mental health providers, first responders, mortuary scientists and others.

The Certificate in Trauma and Bereavement is offered to anyone with a related **bachelor’s degree** who is working with, or planning to work with, individuals and families experiencing traumatic loss.



Graduate student? Expand your knowledge.

The Certificate in Trauma and Bereavement is designed to complement your graduate educational studies. The character of the program is such that it is anticipated that a number of students will seek to obtain their certificate while studying for a master's degree in a variety of disciplines.

Program Completion

Students in the CTB program take one or two classes per semester, and most will complete the 18-credit-hours program within two years. As a part-time program, it is tailored to meet the needs of working professionals and busy graduate students.

Admission Requirements

The program is offered to individuals who have earned a bachelor's degree in a related field such as social work, psychology, or nursing with a minimum junior/senior GPA of 3.0. Three letters of reference are required, as are a personal statement, unofficial transcripts from all previous education, and a resume or curriculum vitae.

Courses

CTB classes will be offered during the Spring, Summer and Fall semesters. Students will be admitted in the Spring and Summer.

Applying

For more information about the CTB program, or to apply, please contact Dr. Joanne Cacciatore at joanne.cacciatore@asu.edu or call 602-543-6659.

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<http://ssw.asu.edu/portal/academic/certificates> for more information

There is a \$500 one-time program fee.