

# Trauma and Bereavement (Graduate Certificate)

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Are you committed to helping others heal from grief, trauma and crisis? Do you wish to develop the confidence to support others through crisis intervention? Build on your skills as you strive to be an engaged and empathetic mental health professional.

## Program description

### **Degree awarded: Certificate Trauma and Bereavement (certificate)**

There is a growing need in society for health care workers and clinicians to be better prepared to help clients and patients experiencing trauma.

The School of Social Work graduate certificate program in trauma and bereavement provides students with enhanced knowledge about grief responses and the effects of trauma. Students have opportunities to research an often under-explored topic while helping transform the sociopolitical management of grief, traumatic losses and end-of-life issues in contemporary society.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

## Degree requirements

15 credit hours

**Required Core (6 credit hours)**

SWG 576 War and Disaster (3)

SWG 577 Traumatic Death: Theory, Counseling and Practice (3)

**Restricted Electives (3 credit hours)**

SWG 559 Spirituality and the Helping Professions (3)

SWG 655 Quality of Life, Mastering Mindfulness (3)

SWG 690 Reading and Conference (3)

**Other Requirements (6 credit hours)**

SWG 541 Field Practicum I (3) and SWG 542 Field Practicum II (3) or

SWG 584 Internship (6) or

SWG 641 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice I (3) and SWG 642 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice II (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

For restricted electives, students choose one of the three course options listed above for three credit hours.

Students must complete one of the practicums and internship options from the Other Requirements list.

Courses are selected in consultation with an advisor. Field practicums and internships must be preapproved with the academic unit. If selected, enrollment in SWG 584 Internship is for three credit hours and taken twice.

## **Admission requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution in fields such as psychology, sociology and social work.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. resume
5. School of Social Work certificate application
6. three references

## 7. proof of English proficiency

### **Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of [English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency.

International students who need an F-1 or J-1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the U.S. on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

The personal statement, resume, School of Social Work certificate application (available on the department website), and three references (forms available on the department webpage) should be submitted to the School of Social Work.

The personal statement must be two to four pages, double-spaced; additional guidelines are listed on the application.

No more than two certificate courses may be completed before applying for admission to the certificate program.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

## **Tuition information**

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## **Program learning outcomes**

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Plan, implement and evaluate evidence-based interventions.
- Apply professional values and ethics during the advanced direct practice internship.

## **Career opportunities**

This graduate certificate program in trauma and bereavement prepares individuals to work in the field of death and dying, as well as with patients experiencing trauma and bereavement, in clinical, organizational and administrative settings.

Career examples include:

- crisis response team member or leader
- hospice or chaplaincy worker

- medical or premed professional
- therapist or counselor

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