



The Campus Connection

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Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation offering interprofessional suicide prevention course at Kent State University Satellite Campuses

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) and Kent State University (KSU) recently announced a new collaboration in which Kent State University will offer a new course centered on suicide prevention to both undergraduate and graduate students at the KSU Ashtabula, Salem, and Tuscarawas campuses via a hybrid format. The course is being offered through KSU's new Bachelor of Social Work program but is open to all "helping" majors such as psychology, social work, public health, nursing, and even students studying law. The course is based on work from a previous collaboration between the OSPF, the University of Cincinnati, Old Dominion, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. We had the opportunity to speak with Austin Lucas, B.S., Program Director, for the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, in which he expanded on the course, its history, and how other institutions of higher education can provide this invaluable opportunity for their students.

During our conversation with Mr. Lucas, we asked what he would say to students who may be on the fence about taking this course because they don't think the content will be applicable to their career. He answered with "Suicide is more common than people believe, the likelihood of interacting with someone in your professional career who is experiencing suicidal ideation is much higher than you may think. For instance, a nursing student who may not be interested in working in a psychiatric unit, may still come in contact with a patient who is at risk for suicide while administering a depression screening during a patient exam." and we couldn't agree more.

We are certainly interested in this course, and so are students at Kent State it seems. Mr. Lucas told us that there was only initially one course being offered, but it filled up so quickly that KSU decided to make a second course available for students who were interested in taking the class. So how can other institutions of higher education bring this Interprofessional Education Suicide Prevention College Curriculum to their campus? Campuses will need a champion with interest to assist the OSPF with the implementation process. The OSPF will provide the necessary materials to teach the course, which includes lecture PowerPoints, research articles, ideas for projects in the course, etc. Mr. Lucas has asked that any interested stakeholders reach out to him directly via email at austin.lucas@ohiospf.org to discuss bringing the course to their campus. The Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health is proud to call the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation a partner and looks forward to seeing their continued efforts to prevent suicide and reduce stigma. Those interested in reading the full story can find it [here](#).

Current & Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Please see the table below for a list of current and upcoming funding opportunities available to assist institutions of higher education, non-profits, state agencies, and college students.



Funding Opportunity	Closing Date	Award Ceiling
AHRO Conference Grant Programs (RI3) (AHCRO)	10/31/2026	\$50,000
Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success for Communities, Local Governments, Universities, Colleges, and Tribes/Tribal Organizations (SAMHSA)	7/5/2025	\$375,000
Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success for States - Federal Grant (federalgrants.com) (SAMHSA)	6/5/2025	\$1,250,000
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Education Support Fund (OOD)	N/A	\$7,000
Great Minds Fellowship (ODHE)	N/A	\$10,000
The Truth Initiative Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program	N/A	\$20,000

Training Opportunities

Please see below for a list of upcoming in-person and virtual training opportunities.



Event	Description	When & Where
Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health Webinar Series	Be sure to check the OPCSMH Webinars page for newly announce webinars each month during the academic year!	Zoom
Dangers and Packaging of Marijuana Edibles	Join Dr. Chris Tuell from the Lindner Center of HOPE to learn more about the dangers of marijuana edibles and the packaging that draws youth to the substance product.	October 20, 2023, at 11:30 AM EST via Zoom
QPR for Law Enforcement	The Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Institute provides an online QPR for Law Enforcement training. This certificate training is designed to provide the skills and techniques needed in suicide prevention for those working in law enforcement. This free training is completely online and takes about 3 hours to complete; however, individuals can stop and start the training as the training platform bookmarks progress. Registration is on a first come first served basis.	Asynchronous Virtual
Stage I: Gambling, Problem Gambling & Ohio's Service System	Stage I provides 12 CEUs of gambling-specific education that will increase participants' knowledge of gambling and gambling expansion, risks and warning signs, and co-morbidities of problem gambling	Wednesday, October 18, 2023- Friday, October 20, 2023, 10:00am-3:00pm each day via Zoom

Event	Description	When & Where
Stage II: Applications and Approaches in Treating Gambling Disorder	Stage II builds on the Stage I training, aimed at conceptualization, treatment planning, and treatment delivery for those presenting with problem gambling and gambling disorder.	Wednesday, November 15, 2023-Friday, November 17, 2023, 10:00am-3:00 pm each day via Zoom
College Campus Community Response Learning Community	The learning community will be led by CSG Justice Center policy staff and include opportunities for mutual learning and presentations from various attendees and leaders in the field. Upon completion of the learning community, teams will be equipped with an action plan for creating a community responder program on campus, including an implementation and funding plan.	All sessions will take place 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET via Zoom

Does your organization have a training or funding opportunity occurring between December 2023 and February 2024? Contact us at opcsmh@neomed.edu so we can share it in the next quarterly OPCSMH Newsletter!

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