



International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

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STRATEGIC RESPONSE TO CRISIS

Knowing what sequence of crisis intervention processes to use for which individuals or groups, at what times, and under what circumstances is crucial to all effective early intervention programs. The course will present essential information for the assessment of both crisis situations and the effects of critical incidents on people involved in those situations. Learn to create an effective plan of action to assist those in crisis and complete a series of exercises designed to sharpen assessment and crisis planning skills. Strategic planning and tactical decision making are emphasized, as are rationales for choosing one set of crisis intervention processes over another.

This course builds confidence that crisis interventionists will make the right choices of interventions for the populations they are assisting under specific circumstances. This course requires previous training and experience. Successful completion of the Approved Instructor program will allow you to teach this curriculum to others. Continuing education will be required to maintain your instructor status.

Prerequisites for Participation in “Strategic Response to Crisis” Approved Instructor Candidate Program:

- Completion of the Strategic Response to Crisis course as taught by ICISF or by an approved ICISF instructor. *(Copy of certificate of completion is required to accompany the application.)*
- ICISF Approved Instructor in good standing for:
 - Group Crisis Intervention.
 - Assisting Individuals in Crisis (formerly known as Individual Crisis Intervention & Peer Support).
 - Advanced Group Crisis Intervention.
- A minimum of five years critical incident / traumatic stress experience.
- A letter of recommendation/endorsement from a local, state or regional CISM team or agency / institution dated within three months of application due date.
- A letter of recommendation/endorsement from a local, state or regional CISM coordinator or clinical director dated within three months of application due date.
- At least one of the letters of recommendation must attest to the instructor candidate's teaching ability. If neither of the aforementioned letters can do so, a third letter must be submitted.
- Active membership on a crisis intervention team.

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- Current ICISF membership.
- A copy of a current CV or resume.
- Official course application form.
- A brief statement outlining:
 - Your crisis intervention/CISM experience.
 - Your instructional experience.
 - Reasons for applying for ICISF Approved Instructor Training
- Completion of the UMBC CISM Certification Exam <http://cism.umbctraining.com/> .
Optional “CISM: A Practical Review” can be purchased [here](#).