



International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

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Critical Incidents in Places of Worship Providing Effective Crisis Support

The faith-based communities have long been responders to disaster and emergencies, providing needed care to those impacted. Recent events both in the US and internationally highlight the need for crisis services for those very faith-based communities when events impact their staff and volunteers.

This workshop will address providing crisis services for places of worship, with an emphasis on caring for the staff, spiritual leadership, and worshipers as potential groups needing services.

Program Highlights:

- Enhance crisis support for places of worship
- Common psychological reactions to critical incidents in places of worship
- Recommendations for providing support in faith-based venues
- Prepare crisis teams to provide support in faith-based venues
- Assessment of crisis needs in places of worship following a critical incident
- Specific target groups in places of worship
- Working with places of worship before, during, and after a crisis event
- Lessons learned from case studies of recent episodes of violence in places of worship

Successful completion of the Approved Instructor Candidate Program will allow you to teach this curriculum to others. Continuing education will be required to maintain your instructor status.



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Prerequisites for Participation in “Critical Incidents in Places of Worship – Providing Effective Crisis Support” Approved Instructor Candidate Program:

- Completion of the following ICISF courses as taught by ICISF or by an approved ICISF instructor. (Copies of certificates of completion are required to accompany the application).
 - Group Crisis Intervention
 - Assisting Individuals in Crisis (formerly known as Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support)
 - Advanced Group Crisis Intervention
 - Advanced Assisting Individuals in Crisis
- ICISF Approved Instructor in good standing for:
 - Group Crisis Intervention
 - Assisting Individuals in Crisis (formerly known as Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support)
- A minimum of three years’ experience supporting individuals and families experiencing Pastoral Crises.
- A letter of recommendation/endorsement from a faith-based local, state or regional CISM team or agency/institution dated within three months of application due date.
- A letter of recommendation/endorsement from a faith-based local, state or regional CISM coordinator or clinical director dated within three months of application due date.
- Active membership on a crisis intervention/CISM team and/or actively provided crisis support services.
- Current ICISF individual membership.
- A copy of a current CV or resume.
- Online application and application fee.
- A brief statement outlining:
 - Your crisis intervention/CISM/pastoral care experience.
 - Your instructional experience.
 - Reasons for applying for ICISF Approved Instructor Training.
- Completion of the UMBC CISM Certification Exam <https://ccism-cert.org/> .