Who Can Sign Up for the Training?

The training is open to anyone at USF – Tampa. This includes student groups and organizations, academic departments, student affairs departments or individuals. You can request a training session at www.usf.edu/campusconnect.

How long is Campus Connect Training?

The training takes 2 hours. The content includes experiential and interactive activities, and group discussions.

How Can I Get More Information?

To learn more about the Campus Connect program, go to www.usf.edu/campusconnect. If you have additional questions, please e-mail: campusconnect@usf.edu

For reasonable accommodations, please contact Lani Steffens, (813) 974-0188 (FL Relay 711).

The Counseling Center offers

Campus Connect
Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention
What Does USF Need Campus Connect?

Implementing this program at USF is in direct response to the 2011 data from the American College Health Association- National College Health Assessment II. The data show:

- 59.4% of USF students reported having felt very sad.
- 7.1% of USF students reported they seriously considered suicide.
- 1.2% of them reported they attempted suicide.

Moreover, national data shows that approximately 80% of students who ended their lives never sought assistance at their campus counseling center. Clearly, there is a need for training for us to be able to identify and refer students in emotional distress for mental health services.

What Is Campus Connect?

Campus Connect is a gatekeeper training program that will teach you how to:

- Recognize warning signs and risk factors.
- Assess the level of risk for someone in crisis.
- Ask someone if he/she is thinking of suicide.
- Refer someone to the right resources.

Campus Connect was initially created for the resident advisors at Syracuse University and has resulted in a significant increase in crisis response skills. More than 70 universities across the country, such as George Mason University, Syracuse University, and the University of Nebraska, are currently implementing Campus Connect. This program has also been included on the Suicide Prevention Resource Center/American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (SPRC/AFSP) Best Practices Registry.

Why Is It Important to Talk About Suicide?

It’s intimidating to ask if someone has ever considered suicide for fear we have planted an idea. And if someone mentions suicide to us, we might feel confused and fearful about what to do or say.

The Counseling Center has implemented the Campus Connect program to help you feel confident in talking with a student who might be considering suicide.