

# CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Program Eligibility

Participants must be employed or actively engaged in the field of education and/or work in at-risk youth services (or similar setting).

### Program Registration

\$450 (includes a one-year individual membership to the National Dropout Prevention Center)

## APPLICATION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Trauma-Skilled Specialist participants must:

- 1 Complete and submit the Trauma-Skilled Specialist application electronically.
- 2 Submit required application fee or confirmation by purchase order within 30 days of acceptance to the Trauma-Skilled Specialist certification program. Fee is refundable in the event of non-acceptance to the program. Once accepted, certification must be completed within twelve months.
- 3 Complete training in the Trauma-Skilled Schools Model at a Trauma-Skilled Schools Conference, Trauma-Skilled Schools Institute offered by NDPC, or by successful completion of NDPC Trauma-Skilled Schools online courses\*. All costs incurred to participate in Trauma-Skilled Specialist Certification training are in addition to the application fee. It is the responsibility of the participant to register for training events and to make travel arrangements.
- 4 Complete and submit an acceptable instructional unit in at least one component of the Trauma-Skilled Schools Model and verify delivery of that instructional unit. Instructional unit template and instructions are available at [www.dropoutprevention.org](http://www.dropoutprevention.org) under the Certifications tab.

\*Trauma-Skilled Schools online courses are available for \$99 each at [www.dropoutprevention.org](http://www.dropoutprevention.org).

# CERTIFICATION BENEFITS

Receive certification of knowledge and expertise in NDPC's Trauma-Skilled Schools Model that will enable them to **support implementation of the model** in their employment setting.

**Be recognized on NDPC's website**, [www.dropoutprevention.org](http://www.dropoutprevention.org), the nation's leading resource for dropout prevention information, as having completed the Trauma-Skilled Specialist Certification Program.

**Become part of an interactive virtual community** of Trauma-Skilled Specialists for sharing of ideas and strategies relative to implementation of the Trauma-Skilled Schools Model.

**Receive discounts** offered to members of the National Dropout Prevention Center.



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**Research clearly indicates that students are dealing with unprecedented levels of stress and increasing exposure to traumas.**



# Trauma-Skilled SCHOOLS™

## TRAUMA-SKILLED SPECIALIST™ CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

CREATE A CULTURE THAT FOSTERS & BUILDS  
RESILIENCE IN STUDENTS AS WELL AS STAFF



# SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

Designed as professional development for practitioners and others who work with at-risk youth, the Trauma-Skilled Specialist Certification requires in-depth training in the Trauma-Skilled Schools Model. This is available through an NDPC Trauma-Skilled Schools Conference, at designated other NDPC conferences, or by completing NDPC Trauma-Skilled Schools online courses. Demonstration of knowledge through application and testing is also required.

**After program completion, Trauma-Skilled Specialists are prepared to support implementation of the Model in their schools and districts. Certified Specialists are recognized on the NDPC website, in publications, and at conference events.**

Specific requirements of the Trauma-Skilled Specialist Certification Program and contact information for questions are included in this brochure and are on our website at [www.dropoutprevention.org](http://www.dropoutprevention.org).

For more information, contact Certification Programs Consultant by email at [certification@dropoutprevention.org](mailto:certification@dropoutprevention.org) or by phone at (864) 642-6372.

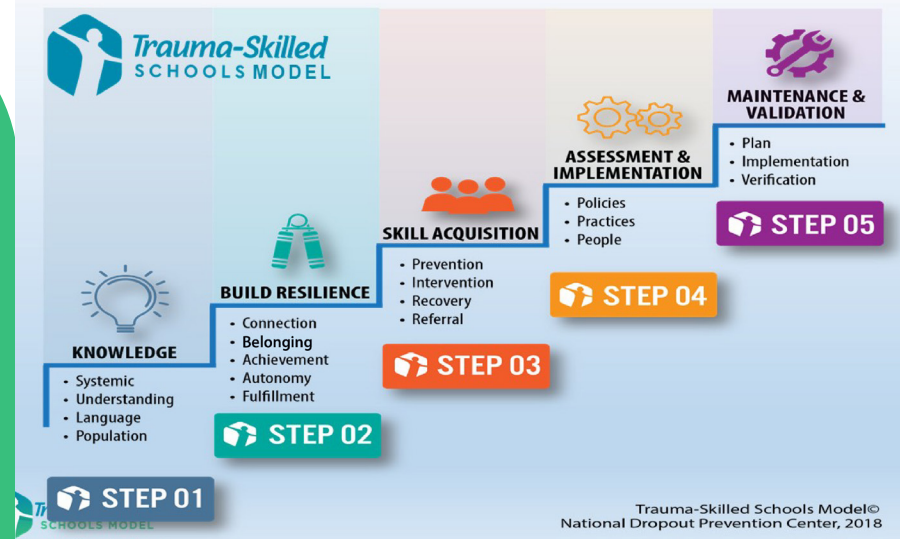


The National Dropout Prevention Center's (NDPC) Trauma-Skilled Schools Model presents a framework schools may use to develop specific action steps that will increase the chances of trauma-impacted and trauma-stressed students graduating. The Model goes beyond "trauma informed" and "trauma sensitive" to actions and skills and has attracted national attention from educators, schools, districts, and state agencies.

**NDPC offers two trauma-skilled certification programs based on the Trauma-Skilled Schools Model. The Trauma-Skilled Specialist Certification Program is designed for individuals and the Trauma-Skilled Schools Certification is designed for schools/districts. Content for both certification programs is taught by Trauma-Skilled Schools Faculty, a team of experienced educators from across the nation who have been trained in the Model by NDPC.**

Achieving certification as a Trauma-Skilled Specialist or as a Trauma-Skilled School is a guided process requiring the individual or school/district to acquire knowledge, deliver supports, and master the skills to foster successful outcomes for stressed and trauma-impacted students.

An overview of the Trauma-Skilled Schools Model is below. The complete publication, *Improving School Outcomes for Trauma-Impacted Students: Trauma-Skilled Schools Model*, is available at <http://dropoutprevention.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Trauma-Skilled-Schools-Model-Final-I.pdf>.



# SCHOOLS CERTIFICATION

A second certification, Trauma-Skilled Schools Certification, endorses schools and districts that have effectively implemented the National Dropout Prevention Center Trauma-Skilled Schools Model. Implementation requires job-appropriate training of all school personnel in trauma knowledge, modification of school climate to support traumatized and stressed youth, and acquisition of educator skills to maximize success of all students.

Trauma-Skilled Schools Certification typically requires a one-to two-year implementation period and verification by NDPC Trauma-Skilled Faculty. **Certification verifies to students, parents, and communities that specific steps are in place to effectively meet the needs of stressed and trauma-impacted students.** Certified Trauma-Skilled Schools and Districts will be recognized in the media, on the NDPC website, in publications, and at national conferences. Additionally, they will receive ongoing support from NDPC in maintenance of the Model.

Contact Todd Daggett, COO, SPN/NDPC, to discuss Trauma-Skilled Schools Certification for your school or district at [tdaggett@spnetwork.org](mailto:tdaggett@spnetwork.org).

