

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

Please note the program registration fee must be received by NDPC within 30 days of applicant's participation in a qualifying NDPC conference or online course.



APPLICATION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Trauma-Skilled™ Specialist participants must:

- Complete and submit the Trauma-Skilled™ Specialist application electronically.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 under the Certifications tab at: www.dropoutprevention.org.

**Trauma-Skilled™ Schools online courses are available for \$99/per course at learn.spnetwork.org.*

Trauma-Skilled™ Certifications are a program of the National Dropout Prevention Center.

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 www.dropoutprevention.org, NDPC's website, 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.



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QUESTIONS?

Contact Our Certification Programs Consultant at:
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CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Trauma-Skilled™ Specialist Certification Program

& Trauma-Skilled™ Schools Certification

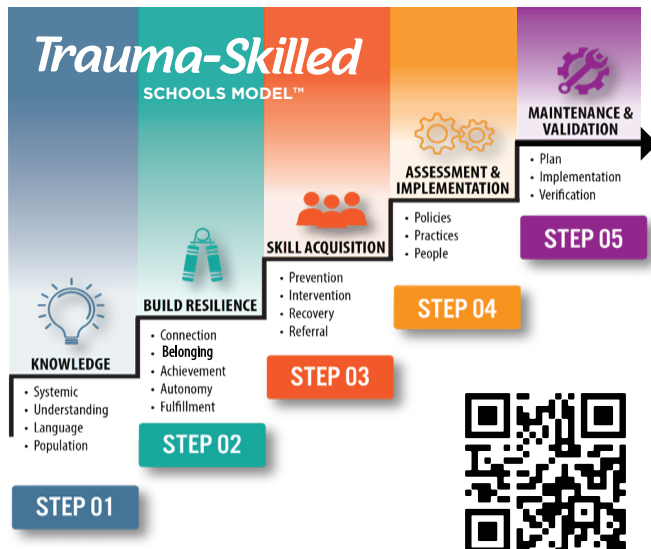
ABOUT OUR CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

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.

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.

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 in PDF form by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://qrco.de/TSSOverview>.



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

PROGRAM ONE 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.

PROGRAM TWO 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.