



**THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
FORENSIC STUDIES (AIAFS) presents**

***Suicide: An Interdisciplinary Look at  
What is Everyone's Business***

**Presenter(s): Chris Caulkins, MPH, MA**

**Date: February 8, 2019**

**Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm**

**6.0 CEUs**

**Training Description**

Dante conceptualized suicide in the 11th century as did Hume in the 16th. Morselli and Durkheim studied suicide in the 17th century, and Camus wrote and philosophized about suicide in the early 20th century. But, it was not until Edwin Shneidman began his quest for knowledge in the 1950s that the field we now know as suicidology arrived in modern form—giving rise to the concepts of psychache, postvention, and the procedure known as the psychological autopsy. Join Chris for a day-long foray into this complex and interdisciplinary field. Take a look at this fascinating, yet deeply troubling and tragic social and public health issue. This seminar will introduce the academic language of suicidology, the epidemiology of suicidality, contemporary theories, risk and protective factors, and the psychological autopsy technique. This education will be contextualized in the framework of suicide throughout the lifespan and among special populations, such as the incarcerated and those on probation as well as individuals who have experienced adverse childhood experiences and intimate partner violence. Special attention will also be paid to cases involving murder-suicide.

**Training Objectives**

1. Discuss the evolution of suicidology.
2. Cite the incidence and prevalence of suicide.
3. Contrast suicide deaths with those of other manners.
4. Use terms of the suicidology field in articulating information about suicide and related phenomena.
5. Apply theory to the investigation of and research into suicidality.
6. Identify risk and protective factors relative to suicidality.
7. Examine the forensic and legal aspects associated with suicide.
8. Apply psychological autopsy techniques to a death investigation.
9. Contrast suicidality between individuals of varying ages and special populations.

**Presenter Biographies**

Chris Caulkins, MPH, MA, EdD, is the executive director of the Strub Caulkins Center for Suicide Research and has researched, presented, and published on suicide at a state, national, and international level. Chris is a practicing paramedic for the City of Woodbury and is the emergency medical services program director/faculty at Century College. He has over 25 years of experience responding to 9-1-1 calls for suicidal ideation, attempts, and—sadly—deaths. Chris became a suicidologist after the suicide death of his wife. Chris' resolve strengthened after the suicide death of his brother and multiple public safety colleagues. He has experienced, first-hand, the sting of depression, anxiety, PTSD, and suicidal ideation. For over 13 years, Chris has run a peer support group for those bereaved by suicide. Chris sits on subcommittees of the Minnesota Suicide Prevention Program and the National Action Alliance on Suicide Prevention. He is also a member of the National Alliance on EMS Resiliency and the Minnesota Ambulance Association's Wellness and Suicide Prevention Committee. Chris co-chairs the Lived-Experience Special Interest Group of the International Association for Suicide Prevention.

**LOCATION: Mall of America, Parkview Meeting and Event Center, 5204 Center Court Bloomington, MN 55425**

**COST: \$89.00 (Individual Rate)**

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## Course Registration

**Seminar Title: Suicide: An Interdisciplinary Look at What is Everyone's Business**

**Seminar Date:** 2/8/2019

**Time:** 8:30am-4:00pm

**Cost:** \$89.00

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### Training Schedule:

7:45am-8:30am – Sign in/Registration	1:00pm-2:15pm – Training
8:30am-10:00am – Training	2:15pm-2:30pm – Break
10:00am-10:15am – Break	2:30pm-3:45pm – Training
10:15am-12:00pm – Training	3:45pm-4:00pm – Questions/Post-Test
12:00pm-1:00pm – Lunch (On Your Own)	4:00pm – Adjourn

**Attendee Contact Information**

**Suicide**

**2/8/2019**

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