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Clinician Guide: What to Expect

This guide is designed for clinicians interested in receiving a WASPC scholarship for Lexipol's Emergency Responder and Public Safety Certified Clinician (ERPSCC) program. It outlines what the program includes, what is expected of you, and how to navigate the certification process successfully.

What Is the ERPSCC Program?

The Emergency Responder and Public Safety Certified Clinician (ERPSCC) program is a specialized training and certification designed for mental health professionals who work with law enforcement, fire, EMS, dispatch, corrections, and other public safety populations. The program goes beyond general continuing education by focusing on responder culture, operational stressors, family dynamics, trauma exposure, legal and ethical considerations, and practical clinical strategies for working with responders and their families.

ERPSCC certification signals that a clinician has completed responder-specific training and experiential learning and meets established standards for culturally competent care in public safety settings.

What the Training Includes

Clinicians pursuing certification complete approximately 35 hours of responder-specific coursework. Core topics include:

- Working with Emergency Responders and Public Safety Personnel
- Domains of Operation in Police and Public Safety Psychology
- Unique Stressors Facing Emergency Responders and Public Safety Personnel
- Benefits and Barriers to Prescriptive Supports
- Relationships and Family Dynamics: First and Second Families
- Emergency Responder Health
- Resiliency Practices and Wellness
- Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Aftermath
- Job-Related Injury and Accommodation
- Post-Critical Incident Response
- Responder Perspectives and Clinical Considerations
- Legal and Ethical Considerations
- Preparation and Expectations for Experiential Exposures

Leading collaboration among law enforcement professionals to enhance public safety.

Courses include recorded instruction, quizzes, and interactive components designed to support applied learning.

Experiential Learning Requirement

As part of certification, clinicians must complete a minimum of 16 hours of experiential learning with one or more public safety agencies. Experiential learning may include ride-alongs, sit-alongs, dispatch observations, or direct observation of responder operations.

The purpose of this requirement is to provide firsthand exposure to responder environments, culture, and operational realities.

Clinicians with qualifying prior experience may apply for a full or partial experiential waiver. Waiver requests must be submitted with appropriate documentation and are reviewed individually. Approval is not guaranteed.

Timeline and Time Commitment

Most clinicians complete ERPSCC certification in approximately four months, though pacing may vary depending on individual schedules and experiential arrangements. WASPC has set a four-month completion expectation.

Clinicians are encouraged to review their schedules and commitments carefully before enrolling to ensure they can meet cohort expectations.

Licensure and Eligibility

To pursue ERPSCC certification, clinicians must meet licensure eligibility requirements, including holding an independent practice license or qualifying provisional license as outlined in program materials.

Clinicians who do not meet eligibility requirements may still access training content but may not be eligible for certification.

Membership and Ongoing Requirements

ERPSCC certification operates under a membership model. While your first year may be sponsored, maintaining certification beyond the first year requires an annual membership fee, which is currently \$399 per year. Lexipol will keep and publish a list of all certified clinicians.

To maintain certification, clinicians must:

- Maintain active membership
- Complete required annual continuing education within the ERPSCC program

Clinicians may cancel membership at any time if they choose not to continue certification.

WASPC Expectations for Scholarship Recipients

Upon approval WASPC will provide you with the first-year membership with the following expectations:

- Recipients will complete the certification process within 4 months.
- Recipients will participate in the surveys and follow up with the UW Shield program.
- Recipients will be willing to be listed in the Wellness App and be able to take on new law enforcement clients.

Communication and Support

For questions related to cohort participation, deadlines, extensions, or grant-related expectations, clinicians should contact Terrina Peterson at tpeterson@waspc.org.

For questions related to pre- and post-training surveys, clinicians should contact Hyun-Jun Kim at bhcore@uw.edu.

For questions related to program requirements, coursework, experiential learning, waiver submissions, or technical issues, clinicians should contact clinicians@lexipol.com.

To ensure timely support, clinicians are encouraged to direct questions to clinicians@lexipol.com as a first step rather than contacting sales or unrelated customer support teams.

Accountability and Responsibility

Certification completion is the responsibility of the individual clinician. While sponsors may provide funding or support, clinicians are responsible for completing coursework, submitting required documentation, and meeting certification requirements within the expected timeframe.

Helpful Resources

- [ERPSCC Informational Sheet](#)
- [Website Link to Lexipol's ERPSCC](#)
- [ERPSCC Program Demo](#)
- [Handbook Lexipol ERPSCC](#)
- [Clinician Training and Certification Course Catalog](#)
- [Experiential Waiver Instructions and FAQ](#)

Final Note

The ERPSCC program is designed to equip clinicians with the knowledge, skills, and cultural insight needed to effectively support public safety professionals and their families. Thoughtful engagement with the training and experiential components will maximize the value of the program for both clinicians and the communities they serve.