



Australian College of
Applied Psychology

Topic: Risk of Self Harm(Assessment & Management) –29 July 2011

Psychologists routinely work with people having varying degrees of risk of self-harm or suicide. At times such clients may present with risk of self-harm as an overt or covert issue. Self-harm and suicide are multi-determined phenomena that require a psychologist's careful consideration and a multidimensional approach. Participants will consider meanings and purposes of self-harm and suicide. Epidemiology and factors associated with risk will be discussed. A model will be proposed for conducting assessment of risk, which participants will practice. Consideration will be given to the psychologist's relationship with the client and how that may be drawn upon to promote assessment and to ameliorate risk. Participants will learn the use of a *Safety Agreement*, giving consideration to cognitive, affective, interpersonal and ecological factors. Self-harm and suicide will be addressed in the context of the therapeutic enterprise. Effects upon the psychologist of client self-harm and suicide will be explored and participants will examine their personal values and issues. Participants will consider ethical issues and learn how to address liability and keep appropriate records. Participants are encouraged to bring a de-identified case study to which consideration of risk of self-harm can be applied.

About the Presenter:

Dr Ronnie Zuessman is Clinical Associate Professor of Psychological Science at the Australian College of Applied Psychology. He is an Authorised Supervisor and Registered as a Clinical & Forensic Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia, in private practice in the Sydney CBD. He is a Member of the Australian Psychological Society, the College of Clinical Psychologists, and College of Forensic Psychologists.

APS Endorsed Activity
CPD Hours: 7 hours

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Enrolments

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Venue location

All workshops will be held at The Australian College of Applied Psychology
Level 5, Wynyard Green,
11 York Street
Sydney, NSW

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Registration

The registration desk will be open at 8:00 a.m.
Training sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude
at 5:00 p.m. daily.

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