Admission to the Certificate in Psychology of Trauma Studies

(Note: This program is undergoing a major overhaul. Applications for admission are not accepted at this time until further notice.)

The Trauma Certificate program is designed to meet the growing demand for specialized training in the field of conflict and non-conflict related trauma psychotherapy. An increasing number of Americans suffer from trauma-related disorders which include veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; survivors of natural disasters, victims of crime, and others who have experienced traumatic events. To help meet the growing need to treat those suffering from the effects of trauma, AULA offers a post-degree Certificate in Psychology of Trauma. The certificate program grew out of AULA’s Conflict and Non-conflict Related Trauma Psychology Specialization within the master’s in Clinical Psychology program, in which students learn about the causes and treatments of trauma in the general population and as a result of conflict and war. In the Program, students are encouraged to contextualize and treat those suffering the effects of trauma in a systemic, ecological, and socially responsible manner by maximizing contact with, and use of, familial and community resources to provide advocacy and a holistic approach to symptom reduction.

The Certificate in Psychology of Trauma was designed for:

- Psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, and practitioners holding an LMFT, LPCC, LCSW, or related license
- Non-licensed professionals who have earned a license-eligible, regionally accredited master’s degree in clinical or counseling psychology or a related field
- School/pastoral counselors

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for admission, applicants must supply the following:

- Evidence of a bachelor’s and master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- Evidence of graduate level writing and communication ability, as demonstrated in the Self-Reflection Statement
- Evidence of appropriate orientation and goals that indicate potential success in the Program as well as future professional work and capacity to reflect insightfully on personal experience, as provided in the Self-Reflection Statement and previous academic record. An interview may also be required to determine eligibility