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Dear Graduating Students,

Earlier this month you received a letter that the School would be offering an online certificate program in **Trauma Informed Care & Crisis Response: Clinical & Practical Considerations**. We are pleased to let you know this comprehensive training will be available on Blackboard beginning on **Wednesday, May 6th beginning at 12:00 PM**. This training will be given at no cost to you and four hours of the program will count toward any remaining field hours. Topics include trauma interventions, bereavement and stress reduction strategies, and work with vulnerable populations as they relate to COVID-19. The training will be available on Blackboard **until May 31**. This is the deadline for completion of all field work hours.

The program will include lectures by some of our faculty, alumni and other colleagues who have expertise in trauma response. You will be able to choose from a menu of eight webinars that you can watch at your convenience **on or before May 31**. In addition to these online sessions, we are pleased to offer a live webinar: **Practical Applications for Managing Trauma & Stress**, on Tuesday, May 19 at 2:00 PM, featuring Dr. George Leibowitz & Don Sherak, M.D. This webinar requires **advance registration** via this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4DA4AF2CAAFF3-practical>

The webinars range from 30 minutes to 1.5 hours. You must complete a minimum of 4 hours to earn 4 hours of field education and the Certificate. We encourage you to watch all of the webinars, as they will surely enhance your knowledge and skills to treat clients in the aftermath of traumatic events, as well as address the impact on vulnerable populations. If you do not need the field hours but would like to earn the Certificate you will need to view a minimum of four hours of the webinars.

Upon finishing the training, you will need to complete an evaluation (located on Blackboard) in order to receive the Certificate and a letter from Dean Mondros that you can provide to potential employers as further evidence of your preparation for advanced practice. The Certificate and letter will be emailed to you at your Stony Brook University email address.

Overview of the program:

PTSD Assessment & Treatment During COVID-19, Dr. George Leibowitz & Don Sherak, M.D.

COVID-19 and the Impact on Older Adults: A Conversation With: Amy Chalfy, MSW & Donna Corrado, PhD, LCSW

Listening to What Families Need, Joaniko Kochi, MPhil, LCSW

Trauma, Interpersonal Violence and Women's Health Issues, Dr. Kathleen Monahan
Turning the Tide on Homelessness: NYC DHS' Response to COVID-19 Pandemic, Joselyn
Carter, LCSW

**The Privilege of Social of Social Distancing, COVID-19 Disparities in Communities of
Color**, Dr. Sana K. Malik

Social Work Advocacy for Social Justice in Times of Societal Crisis,
Dr. Amy Hammock & Dr. Carolyn Peabody

Resilience & COVID-19: What Can Be Learned from Resilience Theory & Practice, Ruthy
Pat-Horenzyck, PhD & Danny Brom, PhD

We invite you to read about our expert presenters on Blackboard.

We hope that you will avail yourself of this learning opportunity- now more than ever it's even
more important, as every one has been affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Please stay healthy & well!

Sincerely,

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