The Advanced Certificate in Trauma and Disaster Mental Health is a 15-credit program for mental health professionals who are pursuing or who have already earned an MA, MS, or higher degree in counseling, social work, or related fields, and who would like to receive intensive specialized education in assisting survivors of disasters and trauma. Curriculum requirements include three core courses and two electives. All classes are entirely online with the exception of one weekend on the New Paltz campus. Classes will be taught by a combination of SUNY New Paltz faculty members who are affiliated with the Institute for Disaster Mental Health and by adjunct instructors with expertise in treating trauma in specific populations. The advanced certificate may be completed within one year or extended as the student prefers.

Admission Requirements
Minimum admission requirements are as follows:

- One official copy of transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 for all undergraduate and graduate coursework.
- Successful completion of undergraduate General Psychology, Statistics, and Research Methods in Psychology.
- Completed application form.
- Statement of professional goals.
- Resume or CV (only required for applicants who have already earned an MA, MS or higher degree)
- International students must meet these additional requirements for admission: [http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/international.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/international.html)

Curriculum Requirements / 15 credits

Required Courses—9 credits

**COU565 Disaster Mental Health**
Theory and research in disaster mental health are studied and activities of disaster counseling are practiced, including American Red Cross trainings that will allow students to be deployed to disasters. Note that this course will be offered in two versions:

1. Summer Hybrid: Seven weeks online plus one weekend on the New Paltz campus.
2. Fall-winter International: One weekend on the New Paltz campus, and one week in Israel when students will work alongside Israeli graduate social work students on the Ben Gurion University campus in the Negev.

For course descriptions, please click COURSES.