



Trauma Mentorship Program  
Trauma-Informed Practice Center  
207 South Salem Street  
Apex, NC 27502

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## Trauma Mentorship Program™

This is a highly competitive, exclusive educational and certification program that rotates candidates after completion (variable time frames) to study trauma-informed care and specific trauma approaches with children and adults under the tutelage of national expert, Cherie L. Spehar, LCSW, CTC-S, RPT-S.

Developed by Cherie L. Spehar, this program offers one on one coaching, therapeutic training, and trauma sensitive care through a unique parallel process experience. Heavily immersed in not only the neurobiology of trauma, but sensory and expressive therapy approaches, this is unique to the state of North Carolina and surrounding areas.

Candidates have undergone a rigorous application process, and because they are expected to work in this very special setting, applicants must possess outstanding trauma informed understanding, exceptional client care, and natural abilities to work within a fully functioning Trauma Stewardship Model. Applications are not given until a prescreen appointment or interview has been completed.

### Minimum Beginner's Program Requirements/Commitments for Application

- Provisional Social Work Licensure
- Accredited MSW Degree
- One year of relevant post-graduate experience
- Commitment and pledge to Trauma-Informed Practice and training
- Commitment to site-specific work and training
- Offer pro bono/reduced fee services for at least 2 to 5 clients
- Will earn free Level One Trauma Certification (TLC)
- Choose Pediatric (Play Therapy) or Adult Track
- See brochure for additional responsibilities, benefits, and opportunities!

### Minimum Advanced Program Requirements/Commitments for Application

- Fully licensed LCSW practitioner
- Accredited MSW Degree
- 2 years of **post license** experience
- Demonstrated trauma-informed practice and skills
- Commitment to Trauma-Informed Practice

- Commitment to part-time site-specific work and training
- Choose Pediatric, Teen, or Adult Track
- Offer pro bono/reduced fee services for 1-3 clients
- Will earn free Level Two and Three Trauma Certifications (TLC)
- Advanced level students will have several other responsibilities and opportunities. Please see brochures for details!

**NO PHONE CALLS will be accepted for this program. Once your information is received, we will add you to the next round of applicant selection. Thank you!**

Please send your relevant information to:

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