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Practical (Basic) Behavioral Threat Assessment

with Dr. Mario Scalora & Dr. Denise Bulling

Join Dr. Mario Scalora and Dr. Denise Bulling in a one-day virtual workshop designed to provide practical information to guide implementation of behavioral threat assessment in a variety of settings (e.g., schools, communities). Behavioral threat assessment is a way to focus on observable actions and communications to detect patterns, ultimately determining if the person is moving toward an attack or violent action. Participants will have the opportunity during this workshop to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the "Pathway to Violence" model.
2. Identify behavioral risk factors for targeted violence.
3. Evaluate communications for warning signs of targeted violence.
4. Justify levels of concern for targeted violence risk.
5. Apply the six steps of the threat assessment approach to case examples.

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REGISTER ONLINE

Practical Behavioral Threat Assessment Training
(https://go.unl.edu/btam-reg-jan-2027)

DATE/TIME

Tuesday, January 19, 2027
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (CT),
8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (MT)

QUESTIONS?

Contact McKenna Schneider
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LOCATION

Join virtually via Zoom
(receive link after registration)

COST

Free to attend

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE

All participants are expected to complete the brief online course "Introduction to Principles of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management" prior to attending the one-day workshop. *It takes about one and a half (1.5) hours to complete three modules of the online course. You do not need to do it in one sitting, but you must complete each module in order. You will receive a certificate at the end of the course that can be used by Nebraska licensed mental health professionals as continuing education.*

Access the online course at this website: go.unl.edu/intro-to-btam or by scanning the QR code below. You will be asked to create an account that only you will have access to that will allow you to stop and start the course and retrieve certificates of completion later.

TAKE THE PREREQUISITE

Intro to Principles of BTAM
(go.unl.edu/intro-to-btam)

INSTRUCTORS

MARIO SCALORA, PhD

Dr. Mario Scalora is the director of the Public Policy Center and professor of psychology with the Clinical Training and Law-Psychology Programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as coordinating an active academic research program engaging in collaborative research in targeted violence. His research interests address various types of targeted violence issues including threats to public institutions and infrastructure/threat assessment, sexual offending, stalking, and workplace violence. This research continues to involve collaboration with federal, state and local agencies addressing a range of risk assessment and management issues.

DENISE BULLING, PhD

Dr. Denise Bulling is a Licensed Independent Professional Counselor with extensive field experience in behavioral health that she uses in her work to create bridges among practitioners, academicians and policymakers using facilitation and public engagement approaches. Dr. Bulling's research interests include behavioral health policy, disaster and homeland security issues, and threat assessment.

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