

SPF APPLICATION FOR PREVENTION SUCCESS TRAINING - SAPST

Course intended audience:

Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug (ATOD) prevention professionals, those seeking Prevention Specialist Certification, public health professionals, health educators, key coalition staff and prevention project directors.

**Registration
Deadline:
September 25,
2026**

Course Description, Objectives and Outcomes

A professionally trained workforce is extremely important to the continuing improvement of substance abuse prevention services in South Dakota. The SAPST curriculum is designed to provide up-to-date, evidence-based information to the prevention field.

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On-line Pre-Requisite to October class – 5 hours

(Stay tuned for more information. Dates to complete online piece are any time from October 5-18, 2026)

SAPST In-person -32 hours

October 19 – 12:30-5; 6:30-8:30 (CST) (6.25 hours)

October 20 – 8:00-12:30; 1:30-5:30 (CST) (8 hours)

October 21 – 8:00-12:30; 1:30-5:30 (CST) (8 hours)

October 22 – 8:00-12:00 (3.75 hours)

Virtual (Ethics portion)

October 26 – 8:30-12; 12:30-3:00 (6 hours)

SD Prevention Resource Center – Libby App Review

Libby App Resource Review – 8 hours

Application for 3 graduate/undergraduate credits will be made through University of Sioux Falls. If you plan to take it for the 3 credits, in addition to attending the class, you will either read e-book or listen to an audiobook (of your choice) from the SD Prevention Resource Centers on the Libby App and write a reaction paper. You can register for an account on our Libby library at <https://www.humanserviceagency.org/NEPrevention/neprclibrary>.

The cost for this credit is \$45 per credit time 3 credits = \$135. Participants must complete all 45 hours to receive college credit.

The class meets the requirement for Foundations of Prevention Class (one of the five classes needed to become a Certified Prevention Specialist).

Location/Accommodations:

The training will be held at **CACS Clinical Training Center**, 2001 Eastgate Avenue, Pierre, SD.

A block of 10 rooms has been set up at **AmericInn (605-223-2358)**, 312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, SD 57532; and a block of 5 rooms at the **Baymont (605-220-8571)**, 713 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501 under SAPST Training. Please call to **reserve your room by October 5, 2026. Participants will be responsible for the cost of lodging and meals.**

Cost - FREE

To Register: Fill out the form on the link below by **September 25, 2026:**

Name: _____ Agency: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

If you have questions, please contact Dodi at dodih@humanserviceagency.org or call 605-884-3516

At-A-Glance: **SPF Application for Prevention Success Training (SAPST)**

This innovative training, combining online and in-person components, offers practitioners a comprehensive introduction to the substance abuse prevention field. Grounded in current research and SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework, the SAPST is designed to help practitioners develop the knowledge and skills needed to implement effective, data-driven prevention that reduces behavioral health disparities and improves wellness. It is appropriate for entry-level prevention practitioners, as well as professionals working in related fields.

What is SAPST?

- Foundational course of study in substance abuse prevention
- Innovative training that blends four-day, in-person component with interactive online unit
- For entry-level prevention practitioners working in states, jurisdictions, tribes, and communities; also appropriate for professionals working in related fields
- Grounded in current research and SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework
- Provides knowledge and skills to implement effective, data-driven prevention programs, practices, and policies that reduce behavioral health disparities and improve wellness

What does the SAPST prepare practitioners to do?

- Address substance abuse prevention in the context of behavioral health
- Improve practice by developing a comprehensive approach to prevention guided by SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework
- Reduce behavioral health disparities by identifying the needs of vulnerable populations and improving cultural competency
- Sustain prevention by collaborating effectively across sectors to address shared risk factors and improve the health and well-being of communities in a cohesive way
- The Ethics portion of the class will provide an opportunity for prevention practitioners to explore the role of Ethics in their work

Are continuing education hours available?

- The IC&RC Prevention Committee has endorsed the new SAPST as an IC&RC-approved curriculum. This endorsement provides assurance that the SAPST is applicable to IC&RC's prevention specialist domains and can be used toward the education/training requirement for IC&RC's Prevention Specialist credential.
- The SAPST has also been approved by NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals.

Introduction to Ethics

As a substance abuse prevention professional, you regularly face situations that involve ethics. Often it is clear how to act ethically. But in some situations you may not be aware of your ethical responsibility, or know how to respond ethically. While laws and policies are a good starting point for making ethical decisions, you are likely to face many situations where the right ethical response is not clearly prescribed by regulations. This course can help you make ethical choices in your work every day. This training describes the 6 principles in the Prevention Code of Ethics, illustrated by realistic examples designed to enhance your understanding of each principle. It also introduces a decision-making process designed to help you apply this code to a variety of ethical dilemmas.