

# Getting Serious: A Best Practice Approach to Bullying Prevention

Bullying is frequently in the news these days. So many people are talking about the issue, but what is actually being done to address it? What are the best practices in preventing bullying from happening in the first place? How can schools create environments in which students feel safe, accepted and able to focus on learning? The National Center for School Engagement's web-based course in bullying prevention will help you answer these questions and more.<sup>1</sup>

In nine units you will gain an understanding of key bullying concepts and trends, the ways in which bullying and school climate are linked, and what some organizations and practitioners are doing to successfully prevent bullying in their schools and communities. You will also learn strategies for supporting specific youth populations – namely gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth, as well as youth who are members of minority religious groups – that are disproportionately targeted by bullies.

Each unit in this user-friendly course is supplemented by links to outside reading materials, websites and video clips that illustrate the main concepts taught in the unit. A Community Forum allows you to share ideas with other course-takers.

Convenient online personal account status is readily available. You can view and monitor your status at any time to see which pages have been viewed, remaining tasks to be completed, quiz results, and whether quiz retakes are available. There are easy links to view forums and for networking with other course participants. You may go back to review as many times as you like using either the back button at the bottom of each page or the linked table of contents on the left of the screen. Each time you log in you will start where you left off last time. Glossary definitions for important terms pop up with a click at any point in the course, or you may print the whole glossary for your files.

The course is designed at the community college level. Units will take most people between one and three hours to complete, depending on the topic. Several homework assignments are included. The course requires that you view all pages, participate in the Community Forum, and take all quizzes and the final exam. After meeting all course requirements, you can print a personalized certificate of completion as proof of your accomplishment.

<sup>1</sup> A computer with Internet access, sound capability and printer is required.

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This course provides an overview of bullying concepts and trends, highlights the links between school climate and bullying, and introduces best practices in bullying prevention.

## Nine units include:

- Bullying concepts & trends
- School climate & bullying
- Bully-proofing your school strategies
- Bullying in early childhood
- Cyberbullying
- Religion and bullying
- Sexual orientation and bullying
- Gender expression and bullying
- Summary and review



## Rates

Single User:	\$99 (discount for a limited time only)
10-User Group Package	\$891 (10% discount)
20-User Group Package	\$1683