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Dr. Peggy Mitchell Clarke is a clinical psychologist and consultant with almost three decades of combined experience in mental health, higher education, publishing, and media. Earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Brown University, and her Master’s and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Virginia, Peggy began her professional career as a psychotherapist in a community mental health center where she worked with clients with severe, chronic mental illness. She has also worked in a wide variety of other inpatient and outpatient settings, including a state psychiatric hospital and an Employee Assistance Program that served police officers and firefighters.

Before retiring from full time teaching in 2012, Peggy taught summer school at Community College of Aurora one last time. Who could have imagined that the Aurora Theater massacre would occur just 2 miles away and that every single student in her class would be affected either directly or indirectly by this tragedy. In the aftermath, Peggy returned to Community College of Aurora in a new capacity as Director of Faculty Professional Development.



Professional Development CEU Programs

Programs:

Advanced Safety Education Training

More than active shooter training, this one-of-a-kind advanced training program explores mental behavior, threat indicators and mitigation strategies. Dr. Peggy touches on crucial strategies such as Behavioral Intervention Teams, emotional first aid and other valuable psychological items.

Advanced Active Shooter Training

More than basic active shooter training, this one-of-a-kind advanced training program is the only one of its type with an accredited CEU award. The professional credential is issued by NC State University.

Bereavement and Grieving

Dr. Peggy developed this program to help teachers and administrators address post event grieving. Post-incident bereavement and grieving is a critical component to a comprehensive security program. Traumatic events do not only impact teachers and students but affect entire communities. During her tenure at Aurora Community College, she witnessed widespread community grieving following the Aurora Theatre shooting, where she counseled an untold number of individuals who lost someone.

Webinars:

Recognizing and Responding to Student Mental Health Issues

Dr. Peggy will increase your ability to differentiate between student conduct issues, mental health problems, risk of violence, and how to respond when they overlap. Learn effective strategies for intervening with a student in a mental health crisis and gain an increased understanding of the signs of Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, and Panic Disorder.

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