

Mission Statement:

The Suicide Prevention Collaborative is designed to bring campus partners together in a transparent, collaborative, and judgement-free space to strengthen how we support student mental health and ensure high-quality, compassionate responses to suicide risk at The Citadel.

Guiding Principles

The work of the Collaborative is grounded in the following principles:

- **Transparency:** Sharing data, processes, and resources where possible to build trust and shared understanding
- **Collaboration:** Creating a judgement-free environment where all perspectives are welcomed
- **Quality Care for Students:** Prioritizing resilience, early support, and appropriate response rather than punishment

Goal for the Day of the Collaborative:

To bring campus stakeholders together to identify strengths, gaps, and actionable steps to improve suicide-prevention efforts at The Citadel.

Objectives for the Day

By the end of the Collaborative, participants will:

1. Build a Shared Understanding

- Develop a common picture of current suicide-prevention efforts, resources, and response pathways across campus
- Increase awareness of known risk factors, protective factors, and cadet-specific considerations

2. Identify Strengths and Barriers

- Identify existing strengths, protective factors, and effective practices already in place
- Identify gaps, barriers, and areas of inconsistency in prevention, response, communication, or coordination

3. Generate Practical Solutions

- Propose realistic, campus-specific strategies to address identified gaps
- Consider opportunities for improved coordination, training, communication, and referral pathways

4. Establish Clear Next Steps

- Synthesize breakout-group input into a preliminary set of priority action items
- Identify opportunities for continued collaboration, ownership, and follow-up beyond the event

Long-Term Goal (Post-SPC)

To establish and sustain a coordinated, evidence-informed suicide-prevention and response framework at The Citadel that strengthens early identification, clarifies roles and pathways, and promotes a campus culture of care, resilience, and shared responsibility for student well-being.

Within 3 Months

1. Action Plan Development

- A written summary of Collaborative findings and recommendations is completed & shared with relevant campus stakeholders
- At least 3–5 priority action items are identified, each with a designated lead or office

2. Resource & Pathway Clarification

- Suicide-prevention resources and response pathways are reviewed and documented in a single, accessible format
- Gaps or inconsistencies in referral or response processes are clearly identified