

# **Linda Copel, PhD**

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Villanova, PA, US

Dr. Copel, PhD, RN, CNS, BC, CNE, NCC, FAPA has extensive experience providing counseling in situations of familial and domestic violence.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Copel has extensive experience providing counseling to individuals, couples, and families, especially those affected by family violence. She has studied partner abuse in both disabled and non-disabled women, focusing on verbal abuse, physical injuries, and the process of extrication from abusive situations. Additionally, she has researched the educational needs of nurses regarding partner abuse and how nurses can be of assistance to women experiencing abuse. She is nationally certified as a clinical specialist in adult psychiatric nursing, a group psychotherapist, a certified nurse educator, a family life educator and a bereavement counselor.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health and Wellness, Education/Learning, Mental Health Care

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Grief, Domestic Violence, Family Dynamics, Mental Health, Partner Abuse, Bereavement, Loneliness

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## **Affiliations**

Fellow in Psychotherapy in the American Psychotherapy Association, Fellow in Psychological Specialties and Trauma/PTSD in the American Academy of Forensic Examiners, American Nurses Association, National Certified Counselor from the National Board for Certified Counselors, National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, National Council of Family Relations, American Psychiatric Nurses Association Charter Member, American Psychotherapy Association, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American Group Psychotherapy Association

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## **Education**

**Texas Woman's University**  
PhD

**Texas Woman's University**  
MSMFT

**University of Texas at Arlington**  
MSN

University of Delaware  
BSN

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### **Select Accomplishments**

**Inducted into National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education**  
2013

**Awarded Villanova College of Nursing Medallion**  
2011

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