Why Do the Certificate Program?

As a trans-disciplinary program, the Certificate Program offers you the opportunity to broaden your perspective on violence and injury prevention. In addition to walking away with a certificate in violence prevention, you will also be provided with a letter of recommendation from your certificate advisor. While in the program, you will have access to our bibliographies in all four of our topical areas, first notification of CVIP RA positions as they open up, and experience in the social system design lab. You will also be in the know about all of the Center events, lectures, and trainings, and you will be invited to our parties (usually two per year!).

“The CVIP certificate track gave me the opportunity to specialize in child violence and injury prevention, a focus for which I have a real passion. My involvement with Wendy Auslander’s project has allowed me to participate in cutting-edge treatment and research. CVIP has made available many opportunities to work with renowned researchers and scholars in the field in which I am most interested.”

– Laura DiLeo, MSW

"The certificate program allowed me to dig deep into the multifaceted problem that interpersonal violence presents with students of various backgrounds, interests, and degree programs. Many doors opened for me because people knew that the skills and knowledge I gained from the program’s transdisciplinary approach trained me a how to be team player who could think critically about and problem-solve around complex social issues. My experiences with the certificate program’s field education and the classroom work fueled my desire to be a more holistic advocate for children—a lawyer who considers how a child’s physical, psychological, social, and economic needs are affecting his or her legal situation."

– Aubrey J.D. Edwards-Luce, MSW

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How to Get Started
Coursework: Coursework offerings include courses in the MSW, MPH, law, and criminal justice programs, and are drawn from curriculum at SLU, UMSL, and Wash. U. Select 1 course from each row in the track tables.

Fieldwork: 2nd year practicum (MSW students) and/or field placement (for MPH only students) with an organization engaged in policy, research or direct services in child maltreatment, intimate partner violence, suicide prevention, or sexual violence. Students from other disciplines are encouraged to participate in clinical or research experience to support classroom learning.

Other Activities:
Attendance at meetings for mentoring in addition to course work to further provide the transdisciplinary perspective and insure linkage between curriculum and the field. Training in systems dynamics (SSD Lab Training), whether training session or course, is mandatory.

All new incoming students must attend an informational meeting prior to beginning the program and must attend at least one group mentoring meeting per semester.

The CVIP offers several Brown Bags, lectures, and trainings each year. Attendance at 5 related to the track topics is required before you graduate.

Additionally, we ask that a headshot photo and short bio be submitted to the CVIP so that we can feature you on our wall and website.

There is an optional holiday party in December and a graduation party in May which certificate students are invited to attend.

Please see track information packet for more details about the certificate requirements.

For students of Washington University in St. Louis: To take courses at SLU or UMSL, contact Alisha Wood (awood@brownschool.wustl.edu) or the Office of Academic Affairs at 309B for an Inter-University Exchange registration form. For Brown School students: the Brown School Pre-approval for Transfer of Credit form (available in the Forms section of Inside Brown) should be completed and submitted to your advisor and the Associate Dean of your program for signatures. Tuition will still be paid to the Brown School.

For students of Saint Louis University: Contact the SLU MSW Program Director for information on registering for courses at Wash. U. or UMSL. Additional questions can be directed to Nancy Weaver: weavernl@slu.edu.

For SLU courses, contact the SLU Registrar’s Office (977-2269) or Kristi Sobbe (977-2752) and register as a non-classified student.

For students of University of Missouri-St. Louis: Begin by talking to your advisor. Then, for Wash. U. courses, go to the UMSL representative for the inter-university exchange, Ann Kaufmann (ext. 6930) in the Registrar’s Office. The inter-university exchange form should be completed and signed by the Director of Social Work at UMSL and the professor of the class you will be taking. The signed form should be submitted to Ms. Kaufmann who will process the registration.