

New Program Proposal

Applied Psychology of Child Advocacy Studies, BA

General Education Requirements

Majors must satisfy the university and college **General Education curricular requirements**. Selected courses in Psychology and Child Advocacy Studies may be used to meet General Education Social and Behavioral Sciences requirements.

Degree Requirements

Core		
CAST 1000	Introduction to Child Advocacy Studies	3
PSYCH 1003	General Psychology (MOTR PSYC 100)	3
CAST 2100	Communication in Child Advocacy	3
PSYCH 2201	Psychological Statistics	4
PSYCH 2219	Research Methods in Psychological Science	3
PSYCH 2211	Introduction to Biological Psychology	3
PSYCH 2245	Abnormal Psychology	3
CAST 2200	Policy and Global Issues in Child Advocacy	3
CAST 3290	Traumatic Stress in Childhood and Adolescence	3
CAST 4398	Child Maltreatment: A Multidisciplinary Approach	3
CAST 4498	Forensic Investigation of Child Abuse	3
CAST 4598	Child Abuse Assessment and Intervention	3
CAST 4698	Internship in Child Advocacy Studies	3
CAST 4700	Field Education Seminar in Child Advocacy Studies	1

Development Course

Choose one of the following courses: 3

PSYCH 2270 Developmental Psychology: Infancy, Childhood and Adolescence

PSYCH 2268 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (MOTR PSY 200)

ED PSY 2212 Child and Adolescent Development

Ethics Course

Choose one of the following courses: 3

CAST 2300 Ethics and Values in Child Advocacy

PHIL 2256 Bioethics

Cultural Diversity Course

Choose one of the following courses: 3

CAST 3560 Indigenous Culture and Child Advocacy

COMM 2332 Intercultural Communication

GS/SOC WK 3700 Diversity and Social Justice

NURSE 1000 Cultural Diversity in Healthcare

PSYCH 3820 Cross-Cultural Psychology

Total Hours 50

In addition, candidates for the B.A. are required to satisfactorily complete 13 credit hours in one foreign language.

Rationale

A steady and increasing demand for Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) courses justifies offering the proposed AP-CAST degree. Since Fall 2014, CAST has experienced a 246% increase in student enrollment growth. Likewise, strong employer demand for graduates with CAST certificates and minors also justifies expanding the CAST program with survey results indicating a highly favorable hiring climate for graduates of an AP-CAST baccalaureate degree. AP-CAST's commitment to offering the degree in a fully online format will make this innovative program accessible to students across the state, region and nation and train them to address the significant and costly public health issues associated with exposure to childhood traumatic stress .