

# New Program Proposal

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## Child Advocacy Studies Certificate

### Undergraduate Certificate in Child Advocacy Studies

The undergraduate Certificate Program in Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) is an interdisciplinary program requiring 18 credits of training in Child Advocacy Studies. The CAST certificate encompasses a group of courses focused on children, youth, and traumatic stress capped by a field experience. The CAST certificate is appropriate for students who want to specialize in working in a variety of professional settings with children and adolescents, many of whom may have experienced trauma.

Most courses required by the Certificate Program in Child Advocacy Studies have prerequisites. Some students may satisfy prerequisites by virtue of their prior curriculum. When this is not the case, students are responsible for satisfying the prerequisites. All students must take at least one course outside their home department. All required courses must be taken in residence at UM-St. Louis.

Required courses		
<a href="#">PSYCH/SOC WK/CAST 4398</a>	Child Maltreatment: A Multidisciplinary Approach	3
CAST/PSYCH 4498	Forensic Investigation of Child Abuse	3
CAST/PSYCH 4598	Child Abuse Assessment and Intervention	3
Electives		6
Please choose two of the following:		
<a href="#">CNS ED 4310</a>	Human Relations Skills	
<a href="#">CRIMIN 2226/POL SCI 2260</a>	Law, Politics and Society	
<a href="#">CRIMIN 2251</a>	Youth Gangs	
<a href="#">CRIMIN 3230</a>	Crime Prevention	
<a href="#">CRIMIN 3270</a>	Juvenile Justice And Delinquency	
<a href="#">CRIMIN/GS 4330</a>	Violence Against Women	
<a href="#">CRIMIN 4350</a>	Victimology	
<a href="#">ECH ED 3350</a>	Child/Family and Education and Community Involvement	
<a href="#">ED PSY 3312</a>	Psychology of Learning, Instruction, and Assessment	
<a href="#">GS 2102</a>	Introduction To Gender Studies	
<a href="#">GS/SOC 2224</a>	Marriage And The Family	
<a href="#">GS/SOC 3250</a>	Sociology Of Victimization	
<a href="#">GS/SOC WK 4610</a>	Domestic Violence: Theory, Problems, And Practice	
<a href="#">PSYCH 2200</a>	Drugs And Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYCH/GS 2232</a>	Psychology Of Trauma	

<a href="#"><u>PSYCH 2270</u></a>	Developmental Psychology: Infancy, Childhood And	
<a href="#"><u>PSYCH/CAST 3290</u></a>	Traumatic Stress in Childhood and Adolescence	
<a href="#"><u>PSYCH 3340</u></a>	Clinical Problems Of Childhood	
<a href="#"><u>PSYCH 4305</u></a>	Developmental Psychology: Cognitive Development of Children	
<a href="#"><u>SOC 2201</u></a>	Deviance and Society	
<a href="#"><u>SOC 4312</u></a>	Sociology Of Wealth And Poverty	
<a href="#"><u>SOC 4356</u></a>	Sociology Of Education	
<a href="#"><u>SOC WK 4110</u></a>	Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups	
<a href="#"><u>SOC WK 4601</u></a>	Abused And Neglected Children	
<a href="#"><u>SOC WK 4620</u></a>	Addictions: Assessment And Intervention In Social Work	
<a href="#"><u>SOC WK 4645</u></a>	Social Work in Mental Health	
Field Experience Options		3
A field experience in a child-related field, approved and supervised by the student's home department, is the final part of the certificate. All required CAST courses should be completed, though concurrent enrollment in one CAST course is permitted. Additionally, students must receive prior approval from the CAST program director. Simultaneous participation in a CAST didactic series is required for all disciplines and will count toward internship hours, per approval of the student's departmental supervisor.		
<a href="#"><u>CRIMIN 3280</u></a>	Internship In Criminology And Criminal Justice	
<a href="#"><u>EDUC 4990</u></a>	Internship II	
<a href="#"><u>GS 4353</u></a>	Internship In Gender Studies	
CAST/PSYCH 4698	Internship in Child Advocacy Studies	
<a href="#"><u>SOC 4307</u></a>	Community-Based Research in Sociology	
<a href="#"><u>SOC WK 4800/4850</u></a>	Supervised Field Experience In Social Work I	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

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Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S003250	Finn Esbensen	4619	No
S007300	Lois Pierce	6384	No
S008000	Sally Ebest	5544	No
S007250	Susan Brownell	6451	No
S003750	Carole Basile	5109	No

## Rationale

The purpose of the proposal is to establish an undergraduate Certificate Program in Child Advocacy Studies that meets national standards of the National Child Protection Training Center. CAST courses will prepare students moving into a variety of sectors (e.g. child welfare, criminal justice, social work, mental and medical health, education) to be trauma-informed professionals who respond appropriately to instances of traumatic stress and maltreatment in children and adolescents. This specialization will be highly marketable, as a focus group consisting of child-serving professionals and employers reported that they would prefer employing graduates with CAST training, even over graduate-level education, for some positions.