

Violence Against Women and Children Certificate Program (VAWC-CP)

OVERVIEW: This Certificate Program is the country's first social work certificate in violence against women and children available to students in a Masters of Social Work (MSW program). The purpose of VAWC-CP is to prepare social workers to effectively respond to survivors of violence in all types of social work settings.

Applicant Eligibility & Requirements

All advanced MSW graduate students can apply. Accepted students enroll in focused coursework within the MSW curriculum and are placed for a practicum in an agency that works with survivors or perpetrators of violence or abuse in a direct-services capacity or at the management/policy level.

VAWC certificate students are required to complete the following:

- **Advanced Policy (SWPS II): Violence Against Women & Children**
- **Advanced HBSE: Violence and Abuse in Adulthood OR Advanced HBSE: Violence and Abuse in Childhood**
- **Two electives related to violence against women and children**
- **675 hours (traditional, blended and part time students) or 885 hours (Advanced Standing students) of field placement at a VAWC-approved agency**

OUR HISTORY: The Center on Violence Against Women and Children started in 2007 under the leadership of Dr. Judy Postmus and Dr. Sarah McMahon. The Certificate program was first offered in 2008. The first year, 18 students graduated with a certificate. Since then we have had over 550 students graduate with a Certificate and over 3,000 non-certificate students have taken courses offered from the program.

Questions? Contact Us!

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