

Certificate on Interpersonal Violence and Trauma (C-IVT) Policies

C-IVT Admission and Graduation Criteria

MSW students in good academic standing are welcome to apply to the MSW Certificate on Interpersonal Violence and Trauma (C-IVT). Please note that your application will be reviewed by C-IVT program staff and you will be notified on acceptance. Decisions are final and confidential; we are unable to discuss individual decisions with applicants. Please know that this is a competitive program and applications will be evaluated based on clarity and comprehensiveness of responses, and exhibited commitment to the field of interpersonal violence and trauma. Acceptance will be limited and is contingent upon successful completion of your generalist practicum placement. As part of the application process, C-IVT program staff will also review applicants' transcripts and first year practicum evaluations.

Once Accepted:

If you are accepted into the MSW C-IVT, program staff will place you in a IVT focused field agency and review your practicum placement progress on an ongoing basis. You are also expected to complete the 4 course requirement for the Certificate [refer to course requirements for C-IVT]. Failure to achieve **a minimum grade of B in any course** used to satisfy the Certificate requirements **or** failure to successfully complete the assigned advanced year practicum placement may result in being dismissed from the program. The C-IVT retains the right to terminate students, on a case-by-case basis, for violations of academic integrity, the University Code of Student Conduct, the NASW Code of Ethics, or other factors that bear on the ability to maintain the standard of care in social work practice. Accepted students may be required to go through a background check prior to beginning their practicum placement per agency requirements. C-IVT students must also attend at least one interprofessional health event organized by the School (or otherwise preapproved by the School) before they graduate with their MSW degree.

If you defer your acceptance to the MSW program after being admitted to the MSW C-IVT, you will have to re-apply to the Certificate program when you start your MSW studies.

If you are dismissed from the Rutgers MSW program for any reason, you are automatically dismissed from the MSW C-IVT. Should you be reinstated to the MSW program, you will not be automatically reinstated to the Certificate program and must reapply.

If you take a Leave of Absence (LOA) during your MSW studies for up to two semesters, you will remain in the MSW C-IVT and will not have to reapply when you resume your MSW studies. Upon returning to the MSW program, you must notify C-IVT regardless of the length of leave should you want to remain connected to the Certificate Program.

You may opt to withdraw from the MSW C-IVT at any time and without any penalty. To withdraw you will need to give written notice to the Certificate Program Director at revcenter@ssw.rutgers.edu.