

Child Advocacy Studies Certificate – Embedded

Program Description

The Child Advocacy Studies curriculum focuses on experiential, interdisciplinary, ethical, and culturally sensitive content that provides professionals working with children a common knowledge base for responding to child maltreatment. This program concentrates on developing students' understanding of the numerous factors that lead to child maltreatment and existing responses to child maltreatment. The goal is to prepare students to work effectively within systems and institutions that respond to these incidents. Students will learn about the various disciplinary responses to child maltreatment and develop a multidisciplinary understanding of the most effective responses. Students completing the courses in this program will be better equipped to carry out the work of agencies and systems (health care, criminal justice, and social services) as they advocate on behalf of the needs of children as victims and survivors of child abuse.



This program is a part of the Wellstar College of Health and Human Services.

Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Policies

Admission Requirements

This program is only available for students currently admitted and enrolled at Kennesaw State University. Additional admission requirements include:

- A minimum institutional cumulative GPA of 2.50;
- A statement regarding your interest in the certificate and your proposed career goals; and
- A completed criminal background check (Note: The associated fee is assumed by the student and can be completed at the student's local sheriff or police department).

Graduation Requirements

This certificate is awarded at time of graduation. Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in the Academic Policies: 5.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION.

Program Course Requirements

Required Courses (12 Credit Hours)

- HS 3950: Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy

- HS 3960: Professional and System Responses to Maltreatment
- HS 4950: Advanced Internship for Human Services Professionals

Elective (3 Credit Hours)

Undergraduate students may select one from the following recommended concentration electives:

- HS 3900: Dynamics of Family Violence
- HS 3970: Global Child Advocacy
- HS 4600: Working with Children and Youth
- CRJU 4430: Victimology
- PSYC 3340: The Psychology of Family Interaction: A Developmental Perspective

Program Total (15 Credit Hours)