

WHY CAST?

*This certificate will prepare you
for your work with children.*

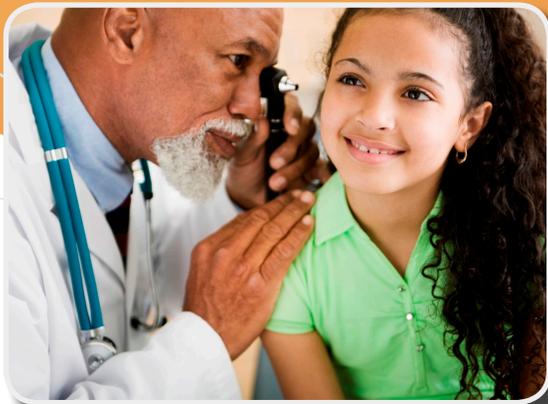
1. Develop a multidisciplinary understanding of child maltreatment to help you, as a professional, to recognize and respond to child abuse and neglect.
2. Network with local professionals and learn about community resources.
3. Boost your resume with a Certificate that is documented on your college transcripts.



QUESTIONS?

Contact the Coordinator of the
Child Advocacy Studies
Certificate Program

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CHILD ADVOCACY STUDIES (CAST)



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CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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OVERVIEW

Buffalo State College is in the process of finalizing a Child Advocacy Studies (CAS) Certificate Program. This program will provide students with an understanding of the dynamics of child abuse and maltreatment, as well as the system response to the issue locally and globally. This certificate is recommended for any student considering post-graduation employment with a child protection agency or those students wishing to work with children or families in any professional capacity.

This interdisciplinary certificate requires successful completion of 3 courses: CAS 301, CAS 302, and CAS 401.

CAS 301/PSY 301 Perspectives on Child Abuse and Advocacy

Prerequisites: Junior or senior status; PSY 101 or CRJ 101 or SWK 220 or EXE 100 or Instructor permission

Introduction to child advocacy studies from a variety of diverse, professional perspectives. History, responses to child maltreatment, skills necessary to successfully conduct child advocacy, and other issues pertaining to child maltreatment and advocacy. Designed for students majoring in criminal justice, education, social work, sociology, psychology, or other areas where knowledge of child maltreatment and advocacy might be beneficial. Offered once a year during the fall semester.

CAS 302 Global Child Advocacy Issues

Prerequisites: CAS 301 or PSY 301

Fulfills IF Diversity requirement
Issues related to the lives of children in countries around the globe and immigrant and refugee children locally. Multidisciplinary approaches to advocacy with these populations. Designed for students majoring in criminal justice, education, psychology, social work, sociology, or other areas where knowledge of child maltreatment and advocacy might be beneficial. Offered once a year during the spring semester. This course may have a Service Learning component and may require off-site engagement with the community during the semester.

CAS 401 Professional and Systemic Approaches to Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Prerequisites: CAS 301 or PSY 301, Junior/Senior standing

Child abuse and maltreatment including knowledge and skills identifying, investigating and prosecuting child abuse. Systems involved in responding to child abuse/maltreatment. Child witnesses, civil and criminal child protection cases. Offered once a year during spring semester. Please note this course will likely include guest speakers and off-site tours.