



Trauma-Informed Child Advocacy

An interdisciplinary, experiential, community-engaged learning opportunity brought to you by specially-trained faculty in partnership with the National Child Protection Training Center.

PROMPTED BY A NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY...

In 2015, Mississippi Department of Family and Children's Services, MS Attorney General's Office, and Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi joined forces to request that colleges and universities in Mississippi implement Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST) throughout the state, to ensure a future workforce that is skilled in recognizing & addressing child maltreatment.



Interested?
Some questions to ponder:
Do I plan to work with children?
Will I be a mandated reporter?
Am I able to notice & respond to signs of child maltreatment?



CAST is an interdisciplinary program for students entering the fields of criminal justice, social work, sociology, human sciences, education, nursing, psychology, law, medical school, seminaries, or any field where a knowledge of child protection and advocacy is needed. Designed to bring academia into application, Child Advocacy Studies will prepare students across multiple disciplines to be trauma-informed professionals who will respond appropriately to experiences of traumatic stress and maltreatment in children and adolescents.



COURSES AVAILABLE:

- **HDFS 2023- Trauma-informed Practice**
Introduction to core concepts of traumatic stress, experiential reasoning, & Trust-Based Relationship Intervention.
- **HDFS 2123- Perspectives in Child Maltreatment & Child Advocacy**
Introduction to child advocacy studies, relevant history, comparative perspectives, legal framework, & effects of child maltreatment.
- **PSY 4133/6133- Multidisciplinary Responses to Child Maltreatment / Trauma**
Learn best practices in responding to child trauma & develop skills in detecting, investigating, & prosecuting maltreatment. **(Spring 2020, will be listed as "PSY 4990/6990 Special Topic")**
- **HDFS 3123- Global Child Advocacy Issues**
Exploration of global child advocacy issues & multidisciplinary cultural approaches for them.

Earn a Certificate in Trauma-Informed Child Advocacy, representing advanced training in child advocacy issues and trauma-informed practices.

Certificate in Trauma-Informed Child Advocacy (TICA) Studies

6 Required Credits:

HDFS 2023: Trauma-informed Practice

[Introduction to core concepts from NCTSN, Trauma-informed Experiential Reasoning Skills, Trust-Based Relationship Interventions]

HDFS 2123: Perspectives on Child Maltreatment

[aka: CAST 301; Child maltreatment, Problem-Based Learning Simulations Katie & Caleb aka]

Plus 6 Elective Credits

HDFS 3123 Global Issues in Child Advocacy

[aka: CAST 302; child welfare policies in different countries, child labor laws, mutilation, trafficking]

PSY 4133/6133 (4990/6990 in 2019) Multidisciplinary Responses to Child Maltreatment /Trauma

[aka: CAST 401; focuses on professional responses to child maltreatment/trauma, applying trauma-informed practice & collaboration among fields (e.g., criminal justice, education, mental health, social work, sociology, medicine, public health, human development) that call for child-advocacy. Students discover, evaluate, articulate, and apply Trauma-informed Experiential Reasoning Skills for their chosen discipline using Problem-Based Learning; case documents encompass disclosure, report, investigation, and legal process.]

HDFS 4803: Parenting

HDFS 3842: Guiding Child Behavior

PSY 3213: Psychology of Abnormal Behavior

PSY 3363: Behavior Modification

SO/CRM/SLCE: Mentoring for At-Risk Youths

SW 4613: Child Welfare Services

"Other courses will be considered for elective credit on a case-by-case basis."

Related University Standards

Number of credits required for an undergraduate Certificate = 12 credits

Minor for undergraduates = 15

Minor for master's students = 9

Minor for Doctoral students = 12