



CAST – Child Advocacy Studies (ONLINE)

Certificate of Completion (CC)

Planning Guide 2017-2018

EPC 832A

Program Information:

Length of Program: 15 Credits
Completion Award: Certificate of Completion
Enrollment: Fall, Winter, Spring
Approximate Quarterly Costs: \$0
(in addition to tuition, books and parking)

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Program Description:

CAST is a certificate program designed for students working with or planning to work with children. It focuses on child protection and safety issues including criteria, identification, reporting, and advocacy for child victims and survivors of child abuse.

Child Advocacy Studies —What is it?

The CAST certificate should give students essential information for working with children and enhanced skills for job competition. The program includes studies regarding interdisciplinary, ethical, realistic, and culturally-sensitive issues that provide a focus on child protection and safety. The program should provide students with the ability to identify possible child abuse and neglect, and enable them to know how, when, where, and to whom to report the circumstances.

Program Outcomes:

Students who successfully complete this program **-by achieving a grade of 2.0 or better for each individual course in the program-** should be able to:

1. Identify the historical trends in child maltreatment and advocacy, including practices related to multicultural and social justice issues.
2. Define the criteria for alleged maltreatment and describe the initial responses to child maltreatment by professionals.
3. Explain the civil and criminal laws involved in child maltreatment and how they impact the effort to protect children.
4. Identify the differences in system responses between civil and criminal proceedings and identify applicable laws, case work process and potential complications.
5. Demonstrate how to work effectively with individuals from different relevant professions and from a multicultural perspective.
6. Describe the investigative process and the roles of other involved professionals and identify the needed support systems for the child and family considering the context of family and child culture.

Career Opportunities—What can I do with a Certificate in Child Advocacy Studies?

This certificate should improve the skills and knowledge of students in the areas concerning possible child neglect and abuse and should enhance their ability to obtain employment in careers that involve working with children.

Potential employers include: Education, nursing, criminal justice, pre-medicine, psychology, social work and other social services. For more, please visit career information and resources at <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-center/career-counseling.aspx>.

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Program Prerequisites: HS Diploma or GED and college placement into ENGL 099 or EAP 099/EAPAB 099 English for Academic Purposes.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – 15 Credits

CORE CURRICULUM 15 Credits				
Course		QTR	GR	CR
CAST 102 Child Maltreatment & Advocacy <i>or</i> SOC 102 Child Maltreatment & Advocacy				5
CAST 202 Prof and System Responses <i>or</i> SOC 202 Prof and System Responses				5
CAST 285 Gender, Violence & Social Change <i>or</i> GWS 285 Gender, Violence & Social Change				

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Note: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication. However, the information is subject to change without notice and final career decisions are the responsibility of the student.

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION

Students should automatically receive their Certificate after successful completion of all required courses. If you have not received your Certificate, please contact the Workforce Education Programs in FOSS 5100 or call 206-546-5876.