Domestic Violence and Evidence-based Practice (Graduate Certificate)

As an advocate for survivors of domestic violence, you can help ensure their safety and empower them when they most need it. ASU’s graduate certificate program in domestic violence and evidence-based practice equips you with the advanced knowledge and skills needed to aid this vulnerable population.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Domestic Violence and Evidence-Based Practice (Certificate)

The certificate program in domestic violence and evidence-based practice provides graduate students with the experience and knowledge to intervene safely and effectively on behalf of the survivors of gender-based violence. Those knowledgeable about the dynamics of intimate partner violence are better equipped to assist those suffering its negative physical and mental health consequences. Students in the certificate program engage in service-based and classroom learning to understand the role of evidence-based interventions in promoting survivor safety and client empowerment. The certificate program prepares students to become Arizona state-certified advocates for victims of domestic violence.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours
**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
SWG 545 Domestic Violence and National AmeriCorps Service (3)

**Restricted Electives (6 credit hours)**
SWG 546 Approaches to Teen Dating Violence Prevention (3) or
SWG 618 Advanced Practice in Domestic Violence (3) or
SWG 647 The Domestic Violence Movement: An Intersectional Framework (3) or
SWG 648 Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessment (3)

**Other Requirement (6 credit hours)**
SWG 541 Field Practicum I (3) or SWG 641 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice I (3) or SWG 643
Advanced Practicum: Planning, Social Work Administration and Community Practice I (3)
SWG 542 Field Practicum II (3) or SWG 642 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice II (3) or SWG 644
Advanced Practicum: Planning, Social Work Administration and Community Practice II (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
For restricted electives, students select two courses from the approved course list. Other coursework may be
used with the approval of the academic unit.

For the other requirement section, students must select one course from SWG 541, SWG 641 or SWG 643
and one course from SWG 542, SWG 642 or SWG 643. Other coursework may be used with approval of the
academic unit.

The student's department-specific field experience practicum credits may be substituted for the other
requirement section with department approval.

All students are required to complete 300 hours (minimum) of domestic violence service through a field
experience practicum. Students should work with the academic unit in coordinating the field experience
practicum. Concurrent to the beginning of their field experience practicum, students will take the Domestic
Violence and National AmeriCorps Service core course (SWG 545) in order to learn about the foundations
for working with domestic violence victims. The coursework and field experience practicum experience
maximize experiential learning opportunities.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public
Service and Community Solutions.
Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution and are degree-seeking graduate students. Experience in social work, social services or a related field is required.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa will first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the U.S. on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission be considered for admission to this certificate program.

Applicants interested in the domestic violence and evidence-based practice certificate will be asked to attend an interview. The interview is a chance to help the student find an appropriate field experience or practicum to match the certificate requirements.

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