

Quotes from our students who recently completed the program's requirements:

"Recently I was accepted into a public child welfare stipend program at the USC School of Social Work. I believe having the Certificate aided me in receiving this competitive stipend."



"The focus on child abuse has broadened my knowledge and perspective toward child development. These classes have helped me to understand the behavior of abused children."

"The Child Maltreatment and Family Violence Certificate helped me obtain a job with the Children's Law Center at the Juvenile Court."

"The certificate also helped me get into the MSW program at CSULA...my concentration is forensic social work, which ties right in with the Children's Law Center."

"This program is more than a certificate added to my diploma. Instead, it has opened a door for a lifelong search for understanding and appreciation . . . As I will be going on to become a teacher, I feel I have been fully prepared to handle situations should they arise."

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Los Angeles County Department of
Child and Family Services:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/>

U.S. Department of Health Human Services:

<http://www.hhs.gov>

American Professional Society
on the Abuse of Children:

<http://apsac.fmhi.usf.edu/>



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The Institute provides knowledge, training and formalized education in understanding child abuse and domestic violence. In addition to classes, field experience is helpful and rewarding toward professional development in Criminal Justice, Child and Family Studies, Communication Disorders, Counseling, Education, Nursing, Psychology, and Social Work.

Mission:

- Serve as an educational resource for interdisciplinary education and multidisciplinary professional training/consultation.
- Provide intervention and prevention of child abuse and domestic violence.

Enrichment and Growth:

- The certificate program is likely to also be valuable in your personal and family relationships.
- You will gain understanding of many aspects of multidisciplinary practice, including how to deal with children/families exposed to maltreatment/violence.
- Develop confidence in preventing and intervening with potential child maltreatment and domestic violence situations. Learn to build a community of knowledge, understanding and skills toward addressing a serious issue in society.

Training:

- Earn your Interdisciplinary Child Abuse and Family Violence Certificate through a high quality, respected program. The certificate, signed by the president of the university, appears on your transcript.
- Los Angeles County Superior Court Dependency Court/CSULA Partnership. Among past fieldwork placements: Free Arts, Children's Law/Legal Center, Research and Adoption Department of Court, Juvenile Court Bar Association, and Child Advocates Office.

Class Requirements:

The Certificate Program consists of 24 units:

16 core units, 4 elective units, and 4 units of fieldwork. Theoretical, conceptual, and practical experiences lead to a multidisciplinary view of relevant issues, processes, and systems involved in child abuse and family violence.

CHDV 412 (4 Units) – Issues in Child Abuse, Neglect and Family Violence, offered in fall and spring.

PSY/COUN 403 (4 Units) – The Psychosocial Dynamics of Child Maltreatment and Family Violence, offered in fall and spring.

COMD 457 (4 Units) - Communicating with Abused Children and Violent Families, offered in winter.

SW 456 (4 Units) – Multidisciplinary Teams, Child Maltreatment and Family Violence, offered in summer and winter.

ELECTIVES (4 Units): Take one elective course from page 2 of the application. Elective units investigate special interests in maltreatment and violence at greater depth.

FIELDWORK (4 Units): HHS 495, (listed under Institute Director Dr. Colleen Friend). The fieldwork experience is an opportunity to apply course learning and provides a window for future career opportunities. It offers a seminar session that meets twice.

Admission Requirements:

- Registered CSULA students with a degree program, e.g. undergraduate, credential, or master
- Upper division standing. Completion of 90 quarter (60 semester) units of baccalaureate level college work
- A grade point average of 2.0 or higher
- Complete and submit two application forms, available in our office, or upon request, mailed
- Review and approval

After you apply:

- Keep track of your courses, and keep in touch with program staff here to assist in advancing your certificate completion, especially when planning the fieldwork.

Upon completing the courses:

- Bring your (un)official transcript to the program office and fill out the Certificate Completion Form.

