



[SOCSCACERT; CIP Code 13.1011]

Certificate Program

The Child Advocacy Certificate provides specialized training in advocating for the rights and well-being of children in legal, social, and educational settings. This program equips participants with essential knowledge of child welfare policies, legal frameworks, trauma-informed care, and intervention strategies to support vulnerable children and families. Through a combination of theoretical coursework and practical applications, students develop the skills necessary to navigate child protection systems, work with multidisciplinary teams, and promote the best interests of children. Graduates are prepared for roles in social services, nonprofit organizations, and other child-focused professions.

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Child Advocacy, CERT

FIRST YEAR — Fall Semester

☐ ENGL 101 English Composition I <i>or</i>	
ENGL 101E Enhanced English Composition I	3-4
☐ SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
☐ CHAD 101 Introduction to Child Advocacy	3
☐ CHAD 102 Ecological System and the Developing Child	3
☐ CHAD 104 Children and Justice	3
	15-16

Spring Semester

☐ ENGL 102 English Composition II	3
☐ PCAD 101 Public Administration	3
☐ CHAD 103 Cultural Competencies in Child Welfare	3
☐ CHAD 105 Child Advocacy Fieldwork	3
☐ _____ General Education Humanities Elective ¹	3
	15

TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 30

Program Notes

¹Spanish Recommended for the General Education Humanities Elective

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who have completed the program should be able to:

- Recognize and explain a particular understanding of the intricacies of the public child welfare system
- Identify and describe competencies in knowledge, methods, and applications needed for career and professional development in the field of child advocacy
- Apply and demonstrate knowledge through field work experience in settings such as the office of DCP&P, Child Advocacy centers, Residential Treatment facilities, the Juvenile Justice System, just to name a few
- Recognize, evaluate, and plan treatment of specific cases of child abuse and neglect in the field of child advocacy
- Define, explain, and analyze the family unit culturally and identify the needs of that family system
- Compare and contrast different multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches in child advocacy
- Access the program to individuals living in the central and southern regions of New Jersey through a distance learning component