

Careers that Use CAST Skills

Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Nursing, Criminal Justice, Medicine, Speech Therapy, Recreational Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Counseling, Education, and Law Enforcement



Student Reflections

“I am very much looking forward to being able to utilize what I have learned in my CAST courses to help the children and families that I am in contact with! Can't wait!”

“My CAST classes honestly pushed me to grow more than any I have ever taken, and I've learned so much! “

“During my first job interview, the first thing they asked me about was the CAST certificate.”

“I really enjoyed my CAST classes and had wonderful teachers. Anyone who works in anything to do with child abuse is incredible. Meeting my professors and other people in the field was eye-opening and heartwarming for me. “

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University of Missouri-St. Louis
Child Advocacy Studies
(CAST) Program



In partnership with the
**National Child Protection Training
Center (NCPTC)**
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Psychological Sciences

The Child Advocacy Studies program (CAST) will prepare students across multiple disciplines to be trauma-informed professionals who respond appropriately to experiences of traumatic stress and maltreatment in children and adolescents.



Students will:

Learn about the types and effects of child trauma
 Learn about the appropriate responses to child maltreatment
 Learn to work cooperatively across disciplines
 Learn experientially through the use of training scenarios in a mock house
 Learn from a range of professionals in the child protection field

Interested? Some Questions to ponder:

Will I be working with children in my future?
 Do I know how to spot signs of child abuse?
 Will I be a mandated reporter in my future career?
 Will I feel prepared to handle crisis situations involving children and families?

CAST Certificate

19 credit hours requiring:

- Child Maltreatment: A Multi-disciplinary Approach (CAST/PSYCH/SOC WK 4398)
- Forensic Investigations in Child Abuse and Neglect (CAST 4498)
- Child Abuse Assessment and Intervention (CAST 4598)
- 2 Electives totaling 6 credits (See right panel)
- 3 hours in a related field placement in Child Advocacy Studies, Criminology, Education, Sociology, Gender Studies, or Social Work
- CAST Field Education Seminar (CAST 4700)

CAST Minor

15 Credit hours requiring:

- Childhood Traumatic Stress (CAST 3290)
- Child Maltreatment: A Multi-disciplinary Approach (CAST/PSYCH/SOC WK 4398)
- Forensic Investigations in Child Abuse and Neglect (CAST 4498) ---OR---
 Child Abuse Assessment and Intervention (CAST 4598)
- 2 Electives totaling 6 credits (See right panel)

Contact

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Elective Options

from Criminology (C), Education (E), Gender Studies (GS), Psychology (P), Sociology (S) and Social Work (SW)

- Law, Politics, and Society (C 2226)
- Youth Gangs (C 2251)
- Crime Prevention (C 3230)
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (C 3270)
- Violence Against Women (C/GS 4330)
- Victimology (C 4350)
- Child and Adolescent Development (E 2212)
- Human Relations Skills (E 4310)
- Psychology of Learning, Instruction, and Assessment (E 3312)
- Family and Professional Partnerships within School/Community (E 3350)
- Introduction To Gender Studies (GS 2102)
- Marriage and The Family (GS/S 2224)
- Sociology Of Victimization (GS/S 3250)
- Intimate Partner Violence (GS/SW 4610)
- Drugs and Behavior (P 2200)
- Psychology Of Trauma (P 2232)
- Developmental Psychology: Infancy, Childhood and Adolescence (P 2270)
- Clinical Problems Of Childhood (P 3340)
- Developmental Psychology: Cognitive Development of Children (P 4305)
- Deviance and Society (S 2201)
- Sociology Of Wealth and Poverty (S 4312)
- Sociology Of Education (S 4356)
- Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (SW 4110)
- Abused and Neglected Children (SW 4601)
- Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders (SW 4620)
- Social Work in Mental Health (SW 4645)