

Domestic Violence and Evidence-based Practice, Certificate

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When you are an advocate for survivors of domestic violence, you can help ensure their safety and empower them when they most need it. Become equipped with the knowledge and tools you need to aid this vulnerable population.

Description

The certificate program in domestic violence and evidence-based practice provides students with the experience and knowledge they need to intervene safely and effectively on behalf of the survivors of gender-based violence, a vulnerable group that helping professionals are likely to encounter in all areas of practice. Those knowledgeable about the dynamics of intimate partner violence are better equipped to assist those suffering its negative physical and mental health consequences.

Evidence-based care is crucial in domestic violence settings. Certificate program students engage in service-based and classroom learning to understand the role of evidence-based interventions in promoting survivor safety and client empowerment.

Upon completion of the program, certificate holders become Arizona state-certified advocates for victims of domestic violence.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) or [Online](#)

Program requirements

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Certificate Map (Archives)

During their first semester in the certificate, students enroll in SWU 416, Domestic Violence and National AmeriCorps Service.

A grade of B or better is required in each course to satisfy the certificate.

Required Courses -- 3 credit hours

SWU 416: Domestic Violence and National AmeriCorps Service (3)

Electives -- 12 credit hours

SWU 417: Technology, Interpersonal Relationships and Abuse (3)

SWU 418: Global Violence Against Women (3)

SWU 420: Domestic Violence Fatality Review (3)

SWU 484: Internship or SWU 412: Social Work Practicum I (3)

Notes: Other internship credit may be substituted with department approval.

SWU 484: Internship or SWU 414: Social Work Practicum II (3)

Notes: Other internship credit may be substituted with department approval.

SWU 494: Intersecting Domestic Violence Child Maltreatment (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

All students seeking the certificate must have 56 credit hours of coursework completed with a minimum GPA of 2.50. To enroll in SWU 416, students must have a current Arizona fingerprint clearance card, which will be verified through the state of Arizona system.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Implement evidence-based interventions, safety planning and the utilize of an evidence-based safety decision aid (myPlan, a tool to enhance risk assessment).
- Apply knowledge of human behavior in the social environment when working with individuals, families and groups.

Career opportunities

Graduates are prepared to work with domestic violence survivors. Prospective administrators, helping professionals and community activists possess the practical knowledge to implement interventions backed by evidence and develop the tools and networks that create change for survivors, families and communities.

Career examples include:

- domestic violence or lay legal advocate
- domestic violence support group facilitator
- shelter case manager

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