



CHILD ADVOCACY STUDIES (CAST) University of Illinois Springfield
Identifying, Investigating and Preventing Child Maltreatment

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The University of Illinois Springfield CAST program is designed to educate the next generation of front-line child protection professionals as well as those already working in the field. The CAST curriculum includes core courses aimed at increasing knowledge of key child maltreatment concepts combined with experiential learning in a “laboratory” setting. The UIS Experiential Training Center provides students and professionals with the opportunity to experience simulated investigations, risk assessments and other scenarios encountered by child protection professionals.

PROGRAM DESIGN

The UIS CAST courses, beginning in the Spring of 2015, will be certified by the National Child Protection Training Center, Winona State University. CAST @ UIS is an interdisciplinary partnership between the Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and Education and Human Services and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Courses will be cross-listed in a number of degrees including criminal justice, social work, human services, legal studies, teacher education and public administration. All courses will be 400-level and open to undergraduates and graduates. The three courses include:

PAD 471: Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Advocacy

PAD 472: Global Child Advocacy

PAD 473: The System’s Response to Child Maltreatment



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