



Central to Advocating for Others.

Central's Official Certificate Program in Victim's Advocacy provides professionals working in the field with the knowledge of the relevant theories and practices relating to victims and their experiences in the Criminal Justice System. Relevant topics include domestic violence, mental health, victimization, women's issues, and hate crimes. Courses from the Certificate Program can be applied towards the MA in Criminal Justice Administration.

### Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 12-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Geared towards professionals in the field
- Stackable certificate can be credited toward an MA in Criminal Justice Administration
- Courses offered in online and HyFlex format
- Access to nationally and internationally recognized experts in risk assessment, forensic counseling, offender profiling, and offender populations (sex offenders & juveniles).
- No GMAT/GRE required



### What You'll Gain

- Skills to effectively navigate victims through the criminal justice system while addressing their unique needs.
- Capacity to understand different victim experiences in the Criminal Justice System and the impact this has on recovery.
- Understanding of methods used to empirically study and understand victims and victimization experiences

### Victim's Advocacy Certificate Curriculum

**CJ 531:** Women and Criminal Behavior

**CJ 532:** Family Violence

**CJ 537:** Intersections of Mental Health and Criminal Justice

**CJ 538:** Victimization & the Criminal Justice System

**CJ 541:** Hate Crimes: Prevention & Advocacy

**CJ 578:** Special Topics in Criminal Justice

### Applying for Admission

**For consideration, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and submit the following:**

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials ([ccsu.edu/apply](https://ccsu.edu/apply)):
  - A formal application essay focused on:
    - Academic and work history
    - Reason for pursuing graduate studies in criminal justice
    - Future career goals
  - Resume
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. A GPA of 2.70 to 2.99 GPA or commensurate work experience also may be considered conditionally.

In addition, the department requires:

- 3 years full-time work experience in criminal justice or a related field, or currently be in a verifiable leadership role/position within a criminal justice agency and have no less than 2 years of criminal justice experience.

**Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:**

**By Mail:** Central Connecticut State University  
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office  
1615 Stanley Street  
Central Welcome Center  
New Britain, CT 06050

**By Email:** [graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu)

#### ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

