

Violence Against Women & Children Certificate Application 2008-2009 Academic Year

Through its Center on Violence against Women and Children (VAWC), the Rutgers School of Social Work is pleased to offer a certificate program for Masters in Social Work (MSW) students. The certificate program is intended to offer students the opportunity to specialize their advanced year learning on issues of violence against women and children in order to be prepared to enter the field upon graduation. Students accepted for the certificate program will receive notation of completion of the certificate program on their transcripts.

Requirements:

Students interested in completing the VAWC certificate program must be entering their advanced year in the MSW program and must complete the following requirements:

- **Complete the following required VAWC coursework (12 credits)**
 - 1) Family Violence (advanced HBSE)
 - 2) Two electives related to violence against women and children, as approved by VAWC staff (Women's Issues, Childhood Sexual Abuse, or other offerings from other departments)
 - 3) Issues in Social Policy with Children and Families (advanced policy). The course paper must focus on violence against women and children

- **Fieldwork** must be at a VAWC related placement that focuses on key areas related to violence against women and children, including prevention, practice, nonprofit management, and policy

Application:

Students interested in applying for the VAWC certificate program must submit the following:

- A cover letter
- An official transcript including the applicant's undergraduate and graduate work to date
- A personal statement describing your commitment to working in the field of violence against women, no longer than 2 pages

The cover letter and personal statement should be submitted electronically to Dr. Sarah McMahon, Associate Director, VAWC, at smcmahon@rci.rutgers.edu. The official transcript can be mailed or dropped off to Dr. McMahon, Rutgers University School of Social Work, 536 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

All materials must be received no later than 5 pm on **Friday, February 8, 2008**. The selection process will be conducted by staff members of the Center on Violence against Women and Children. Students will be notified of acceptance to the certificate program during the Spring, 2008 semester.