

About Montclair State University

Founded in 1908, Montclair State University is New Jersey's second largest university. It offers the advantages of a large university—a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum with a global focus, a broad variety of superior graduate programs through the doctoral level, and a diverse faculty and student body—combined with a small college's attention to students.

Through its five colleges and schools, the University offers more than 250 majors, minors, and concentrations to meet the wide-ranging needs of students and the community. Recognized as offering one of leading comprehensive universities in the region, Montclair State is committed to educational innovation, inspired teaching, and scholarly achievement.

About The College of Humanities and Social Sciences

The motto of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences is "We build minds; minds build everything else." A liberal arts education—with its focus on critical thinking, problem solving, effective written and oral communication, and the cultural, political, and historical context of the world—serves as the foundation for life-long learning. Students graduate ready to enter a variety of careers as well as to take advantage of advanced educational opportunities.

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Master of Arts in Child Advocacy

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Imagine standing up
for the rights of children.



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The Center for Child Advocacy

The Center for Child Advocacy offers several programs: an Undergraduate Certificate in Child Advocacy, a Post BA Certificate in Child Advocacy, a Master of Arts in Child Advocacy with an optional concentration in Public Child Welfare.

The MA has been designed to provide students with a graduate-level, multidisciplinary understanding of the role of the child advocate as seen through the disciplines of law, social work, and psychology among others.

The Master of Arts in Child Advocacy consists of 33-34 credits. There is a required core of 8 courses (24 credits), and an additional 9-10 credits of electives divided into two groups of 6 and 3/4 credits respectively. Students may also complete the Master of Arts in Child Advocacy with a concentration in Public Child Welfare. They will be required to complete a core course requirement of 18 credits and a required concentration sequence of 6 credits. Three other courses (9-10 credits) are also required from a list of Concentration Electives.

Admission Requirements:

- Students must have a baccalaureate degree in any discipline
- Submit a Graduate Application to the Graduate School, which will include a statement of objectives
- Provide official transcripts from each college/university
- Provide two letters of recommendation
- Provide copy of scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Upon completing the application process, student will be interviewed by a faculty committee

Program Objectives

The Master of Arts will prepare students to work in a variety of settings, advocating for the rights and best interests of children.

Career Opportunities

- Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)
- Division of Child Behavioral Health Services (Care Management Organizations, Youth Case Management programs, Mobile Response and Stabilization Units)
- Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships (Family Success Centers)

- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Office of the Law Guardian (investigators)
- Educational advocacy groups
- Victim-Witness Offices
- Disability advocacy groups
- Domestic violence programs
- Youth mentoring and development programs
- Supervised visitation programs

Master of Arts in Child Advocacy

Total Credits: 33-34

Core Courses: (required) 24 credits

- CHAD 501 Introduction to Applied Child Advocacy
- CHAD 502 Child Abuse and Neglect
- CHAD 503 Current Social Issues in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 504 Children and Justice
- CHAD 505 Forensic Interviewing of Children
- CHAD 610 Selected Topics in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 620 Practicum in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 680 Seminar in Child Advocacy

Elective Courses 9-10 credits

Group 1 (select 2 courses)

- CHAD 520 Adolescents and the System
- CHAD 521 Substance Abuse and Families in Crisis
- CHAD 522 Family Empowerment Models in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 530 Child Protective Service Investigation
- CHAD 540 Child Welfare Policy

Group 2 (select 1 course)

- CHAD 510 Culturally Competent Practice in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 531 Permanency Planning
- CHAD 545 Advocacy in Child Behavioral Health
- CHAD 689 Master's Thesis (optional—4 credits)
- COUN 590 Counseling the Alcoholic and the Substance Abuser
- COUN 595 Multicultural Counseling
- COUN 640 The Mentally Impaired and the Chemically Addicted Client
- COUN 652 Counseling the Family
- COUN 660 Selected Problems: Counseling Handicapped Persons
- LSLW 500 United States Legal System
- JUST 517 Evidence
- JUST 524 Juvenile Law
- ELAD 521 Education Law
- FCST 514 Child in the Family
- FCST 544 Intercultural Study of the Family

Master of Arts in Child Advocacy with a Concentration in Public Child Welfare

Total Credits: 33-34

Required Core Courses: 18 credits

- CHAD 501 Introduction to Applied Child Advocacy
- CHAD 502 Child Abuse and Neglect
- CHAD 503 Current Social Issues in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 504 Children and Justice
- CHAD 505 Forensic Interviewing of Children
- CHAD 680 Seminar in Child Advocacy

Required Concentration Sequence: 6 credits

- CHAD 610 Selected Topics in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 620 Practicum in Child Advocacy

Concentration Electives: 9-10 credits

- CHAD 510 Culturally Competent Practice in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 520 Adolescents and the System
- CHAD 521 Substance Abuse and Families in Crisis
- CHAD 522 Family Empowerment Models in Child Advocacy
- CHAD 530 Child Protective Service Investigation
- CHAD 531 Permanency Planning
- CHAD 540 Child Welfare Policy
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