INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE AND HEALTH CARE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

The Graduate Certificate in Interpersonal Violence and Health Care (CIVHC) fulfills a nationally recognized need to educate and train individuals from a broad range of health disciplines to effectively respond to victims of interpersonal violence. CIVHC is a program of the Center on Domestic Violence in CU Denver’s School of Public Affairs, developed in collaboration with local and national advisors representing schools of nursing, medicine and dentistry, as well as knowledgeable health practitioners skilled in meeting the needs of patients experiencing interpersonal violence. CIVHC is the first graduate-level program of its kind. As a distance learning program, it represents a collaboration within the University of Colorado system—the Downtown Campus, the Anschutz Medical Campus and the Colorado Springs Campus. Its goal is to provide education for health professionals, faculty and students, thereby building proficiency and confidence in interpersonal violence prevention, identification and intervention in Colorado and the nation.

Prospective students who wish to pursue this certificate must apply as non-degree applicants. Learn more (https://publicaffairs.ucdenver.edu/prospective-and-admitted-students/admission/) on the School of Public Affairs admission web page.

At the completion of this certificate program, participants will have:

• Leadership skills necessary to improve systematic responses to interpersonal violence in health care settings
• Thorough understanding of the health ramifications of interpersonal violence
• Skill and comfort with screening all patients for interpersonal violence-victims, offenders and child witnesses
• Ability to effectively assess and treat adults and children engaged in violent relationships
• Ability to build resources to meet the needs of patients including, but not limited to, collaboration with community-based providers.

Four courses are required for completion of this certificate. Please contact the Director of the Center on Domestic Violence at barb.paradiso@ucdenver.edu for more information.