

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Each month will focus on a theme critical to juvenile justice work. Core concepts of equity and inclusion, positive youth development, motivational interviewing, restorative, and reflective practice will be imbedded in each session. The monthly themes will include but are not limited to: Foundations of Juvenile Justice; Juvenile Justice Reform and Implementation Science; Adolescent Development; Equity and Inclusion; Screening, Assessment, and Evaluation; Treatment and Intervention; Policy and Leadership; Youth and Family Engagement; Education and School to Prison Pipeline.

We are creating a program that is flexible to the goals of the participant. We will work with participants who are interested in professional CEU's/CLE's to gain approval from various entities.

COST

The cost for the program is \$2,500. This cost covers all program materials and fees, meals for onsite days, and registration/lodging for NJJA. Cost for travel and lodging to attend the monthly sessions are the responsibility of the participant. The program fee will be due by July 31.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be open in early May of each year. Interested applicants can find information on how to apply at juvenilejustice.unomaha.edu/certificate.

For Questions:

Questions regarding the Certificate Program can be sent to: unojji@unomaha.edu

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Juvenile Justice Certificate Program

Designed to assist individuals working directly with justice involved youth



Join an elite network of juvenile justice professionals committed to doing “what works” for youth and families!



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PURPOSE

The Juvenile Justice Certificate Program was developed in alignment with the UNO and School of Criminology and Criminal Justice strategic vision for ongoing workforce development and advancing the professionalism of the juvenile justice field.

The program is designed to grow participants knowledge of “what works” and help develop skills they can apply directly with the youth and/or staff they serve. The program creates safe space for learning by engaging in critical dialogue, self-reflection, and exposure to experiential opportunities.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The program is open to anyone working with youth at-risk of or involved in the juvenile justice or related systems (i.e. child welfare, education, etc.) or supervising staff in these systems.

Cohorts will be limited to approximately 15 people.

GOALS

The Juvenile Justice Certificate Program aims to impact Nebraska’s juvenile justice workforce by:

Developing the capacity of current and future juvenile justice professionals to implement best practices in their organizations and Nebraska’s juvenile justice system.

Equipping future juvenile justice leaders with the knowledge to lead Nebraska in an evidence-based manner.

Growing a statewide network of juvenile justice professionals who act as a resource and support to each other and their communities.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI), housed within the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ) will oversee the Certificate Program. Selected participants will meet monthly from August through April. A program completion celebration will be held at the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association (NJJA) Conference in May. Each month participants will engage with local, state, and national speakers; participate in skill development activities; participate in site visits and other experiential learning opportunities. Participants will have brief assignments in preparation for each month and an application assignment after each session. A manageable capstone project will be required for completion of the program.

Attendance is essential for successful completion of the program. Participants are expected to attend all sessions unless excused with permission from the program director.

The program will take place on UNO Campus at the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center.

