



Earn your certificate in as few as 3 semesters



Combine your certificate with an associate degree in Human Services



Achieve a fulfilling career helping communities overcome crises and trauma

Certificate in Violence Intervention and Advocacy

Make a meaningful difference that reaches beyond measure

Fight, flight, or freeze — if you’ve ever been in an overwhelming situation and felt a rush of adrenaline, one of these reactions was likely your response. For some of us, these fear responses pass in a relatively short amount of time. Yet for many, this heightened state can become toxic stress — creating barriers to the healing process. When you earn a certificate in Violence Intervention and Advocacy, you develop an evidence-based understanding of trauma and its effects on individuals and families — helping you become the compassionate advocate your community needs.

Develop essential de-escalation strategies

At Goodwin, our 18-credit Violence Intervention and Advocacy certificate program prepares you with the knowledge and skills necessary to de-escalate violent or threatening behaviors. As you develop an in-depth understanding of trauma, you will learn culturally sensitive approaches to address ongoing crises. By exploring the effects of trauma through an evidence-based lens, you will develop a wide variety of de-escalation techniques — all while acquiring the skills necessary to help diverse clients establish productive coping skills.

Become a sought-after professional with a diverse set of skills

While you may pursue this certificate without earning a degree, our Violence Intervention and Advocacy curriculum is easy to pair with an associate degree in Human Services. Human Services students can earn this certificate by completing its program requirements as electives. Combining these credentials opens doors to rewarding opportunities in settings ranging from schools and hospitals to community centers and shelters. You will have the immense potential to create a positive impact — the effects of which will reach beyond measure.

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Curriculum

All courses are required. Each must be completed with a minimum grade of “C”.

Semester 1

HSR 105	Community Organizations and Advocacy	3
HSR 222	Foundations of Helping and Service Delivery	3

Semester 2

HSR 297	Human Services Internship I	3
HSR 325	Case Management: Principles and Practices	3

Semester 3

HSR 350	Crisis Prevention and Intervention	3
PSS/HSR 410	Human Trafficking	3

Total credits: 18

Complete an internship to gain job-ready experience

Thanks to our countless relationships with human services organizations throughout the state, you’ll have the advantage of gaining hands-on experience in the field. We allow for a range of internship opportunities in various professional settings — some of which could even lead to employment!

Rewarding career opportunities

A certificate in Violence Intervention and Advocacy leads to flexible and fulfilling career opportunities, including:

- Advocacy
- Behavioral intervention
- Group facilitation
- Violence prevention coordination
- Violence prevention education
- Youth development
- And more!

Admission requirements

To apply to our Violence Intervention and Advocacy certificate program, complete and submit the Goodwin University application.

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).