

Injury and Violence Prevention Certificate FAQ

Who can apply?

Q: Can international students apply for this program?

A: Yes. International students attending Emory are eligible to apply.

Q: Can students pursuing an MSPH apply for this program?

A: Yes, we've had students pursuing the MSPH in the past. We also admit students pursuing PhDs in the Laney Graduate School and students from Candler.

Q: Is it possible for a student enrolled in dual degree program (i.e. JD/MPH, MD/MPH) to apply to this certificate program?

A: Yes, we accept dual degree students. Additionally, IPRCE is housed in the Emory Emergency Medicine Department so MDs would likely find a lot of opportunities.

Q: Is it possible to do the certificate program with Health Policy Management?

A: We encourage students to discuss this with their advisor/department chair and Dr. Dorian Lamis (Dorian.lamis@emory.edu) to ensure their ability to meet requirements of their program and the certificate program.

Q: Can students who are not enrolled in Emory University apply to this program?

A: As of right now no, but we are in the process of opening the certificate to students outside of Emory. If you're enrolled at a university other than Emory and are interested in the certificate program, please email Dr. Dorian Lamis (Dorian.lamis@emory.edu).

When can you apply?

Q: Is it possible to apply after the first semester or in the second year of enrollment?

A: Yes. Ideally, we like students to apply in the first semester as the core courses are offered in a Fall/Spring sequence. Students going into their second year need to ensure their ability to complete required courses. Students interested in applying after the first semester can apply and will be considered for the program or can email Dr. Dorian Lamis (Dorian.lamis@emory.edu) with further questions.

Organizations/Specific Topics

Q: Are there opportunities specific to sexual violence or gender based violence prevention?

A: Yes. You can email Dr. Dorian Lamis (Dorian.lamis@emory.edu) for more information about what organizations IPRCE has relationships with.

Q: Does IPRCE partner with ethnic organizations in Atlanta?

A: Yes. We have a vast network of professionals and organizations. If you have specific questions about individual ethnic organizations please feel free to email Dr. Dorian Lamis (Dorian.lamis@emory.edu).

Q: Does this program focus only on physical violence or mental violence as well?

A: Violence is an umbrella term that covers a wide range of topics. On our website we have definitions and more information about what we consider violence and injury. If you are referring to suicide this is definitely part of our focus.

Q: Are there opportunities available for advocacy and policy work in the certificate program?

A: Yes. There are various advocacy opportunities available. There are a variety of organizations that you can get involved in advocacy and policy work through, whether that's at a specific organization or more of a broad policy/advocacy focus.

Student Interests/Experience

Q: What do you foresee or have you already seen trending in student research?

A: We have five task forces within IPRCE, including Violence Prevention, Falls Prevention, Transportation Safety, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Drug Safety. Common interests of students include firearm injury, motor vehicle crashes, suicide self-injury research, domestic violence, mental health, and drug safety and opioid research.

Q: Do you have examples of Capstone/Thesis work that students have completed?

A: Examples of projects include one student who was from Columbia and did her thesis on sexual violence in Columbia and another student did a thesis on research of brain injury at the Shepard Center. Examples of other topics include intimate partner violence and domestic violence. There are a variety of opportunities, with some projects being data driven, where the student collects data, and others consisting of more of an overview of an area. If you have specific questions please email Dr. Dorian Lamis (Dorian.lamis@emory.edu).

Q: Do students completing this program typically have experience in a particular background (educational/professional)?

A: No. Students in the program have diverse backgrounds and educations. We do look at background when considering applications, but if you have an interest in injury and violence, we are more than happy to have you and to offer opportunities to further your career in the field.

Logistic Certificate Questions

Q: Does the certificate last a lifetime? Does it need to be renewed?

A: The certificate is on your official transcript when you graduate, and when you have it, you have it for life. If you are continuing your career in the field, the certificate will go a long way for employers who are looking to hire people interested in injury and violence.

Q: Is it possible for students to enroll in more than one certificate program?

A: Yes, students can participate in more than one certificate program if they receive approval from their academic advisor. It is quite rigorous to complete two certificates so that should be considered.

Q: Am I able to use courses that are required for my department as a part of the electives for this certificate?

A: Yes. If there is overlap in your department with the electives we have listed for the program you do not need to take separate courses. If there are courses that are not listed on our website as electives that you think have some relation to injury and violence, you can email Dr. Dorian Lamis (Dorian.lamis@emory.edu).

Q: What is the tuition fee for the program?

A: There is no additional fee for the certificate program.

Q: Are there study abroad opportunities associated with this certificate?

A: We do not have a summer abroad funding mechanism that pays for work done abroad. However, we can work with you. For example, we have a student now who is completing their practicum in South America. We also have relationships with international scholars and universities, so there are those connections.

Miscellaneous

Q: Is it possible to apply for a part time job at IPRCE and can this be a REAL job?

A: We employ several students within IPRCE. We do have REAL positions available which will be posted on Handshake.

Q: Can you talk about the main differences between this certificate that covers mental health and the certificate program that is for mental health?

A: The Violence and Injury Prevention Certificate is broader in the opportunities available I would think. Injury covers mental health, but mental health doesn't necessarily cover injury. I would say if you are interested in mental health, we have a lot of opportunities available in our certificate and we have psychiatrists and psychologists all on faculty at IPRCE which can also provide opportunities.



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