

## Trauma Psychology Certificate Program

Working to prevent and address the effects of trauma and disaster is a growing field within psychology. The [UN Refugee Agency](#) estimates that as of June 2024, 117.3 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced. The [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) estimates that both unintentional and violence-related injuries take the lives about 4.4 million people around the world each year. As of November 1, 2024 the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) has reported that there are 24 confirmed weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each to affect the United States. For every person included in the previous lists, there are many more who suffer from a range of physical, sexual, reproductive, and mental health problems. In Chicago alone, family and community difficulties impact the lives of countless children and adults.

To better understand the effects of trauma, to learn about preventive interventions, and how to address the needs of survivors and communities, the department has created a [Trauma Psychology Undergraduate Certificate](#) program and a [Trauma Psychology Graduate Certificate](#) program. To qualify for the certificate, students need to successfully complete all four Trauma courses. Click below to see a full description of each course.

- PSY [371/471](#) – *Psychology of Trauma* (offered Autumn quarter)
- PSY [372/472](#) – *Psychology of Disaster and Crisis Intervention* (offered Spring quarter)
- PSY [374/474](#) - *Developmental Trauma* (offered Winter quarter)
- PSY [376/476](#) - *Social Psychology of Trauma* OR  
PSY [556](#) - *Prejudice and Intergroup Relations\** (offered Spring quarter)  
\*only offered on a graduate level

Undergraduate students can join the Certificate program by adding it as a minor on Campus Connect. Graduate students should email Dr. Olya Glantsman, the Certificate coordinator, at [OGLANTSM@depaul.edu](mailto:OGLANTSM@depaul.edu). Students may also take any course or combination of courses without applying to the Certificate program.

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