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Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy (NEVAA)

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Women and Men For and With Others...

The Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy (NEVAA) offers interdisciplinary, academically-based foundation-level education for professionals from all arenas who assist crime victims.

Victims of crime are some of the most vulnerable members of our society, often stripped of inherent human dignity (US Council of Catholic Bishops, 2000). Advocates, educators, medical personnel, law enforcement and allied professionals are often a victim's lifeline; their first step in the healing process.

NEVAA was created through a federal grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (which funds it through October 2014, after which private funding will be needed) to help those who come into contact with victims better serve them.



2013 Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy Graduating Class

Cura Personalis...

The existence of NEVAA helps to assure that the needs of victims are better met by making sure that individuals who routinely work with victims are educated in their varied and unique needs. Thus, the "care of the whole person" is exemplified through the Academy.

NEVAA covers a variety of topics concerning victims, including dealing with trauma, legal rights and responsibilities, victims in specific populations such as children and immigrants, and elements of a range of violent and property crimes.

NEVAA is offered yearly at two locations across the state (Omaha and Kearney) to facilitate training for advocates across Nebraska. Creighton has partnered with the University of Nebraska at Kearney to ensure an academic environment for the academy outstate.



Participants Practicing De-Stressing Techniques at the 2013 Academy

NEVAA participants attend a one-week (40 hour) academy with an intensive curriculum

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NEVAA allows professionals an opportunity to understand victims better, learn skills that will help serve victims better, and gain knowledge that will allow them to be "More" for victims of crime, and for the communities in Nebraska.

Although Creighton is "home" to NEVAA, it engages the expertise of professionals across the state in order to offer students the most comprehensive information regarding victim services in Nebraska.

NEVAA currently offers broad-based, foundation-level training, but hopes that, in the future, they will be able to offer advanced academies that focus on specific topics such as technology-facilitated crime, human trafficking and bullying.

"I've learned more in this week than I have in the year I have been employed at my job."
-2013 NEVAA Graduate

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