

Certificate in Prevention Science Course Requirements

The CPS is a 15 credit hour certificate. Students are usually able to complete the certificate within 2 years without taking additional coursework.

The goal of prevention science certificate courses is to give students a broader framework for understanding problems that interest them that are best addressed through interdisciplinary research, theory, and practice.

Year 1: Admission into the CPS (6 credit hours)

- Students are required to take the SPSY 638 Systems Consultation and Prevention in the fall semester (3 credit hours) to start the certificate
- Students are required to take the 3 credit hour of the interdisciplinary prevention science seminar, beginning in the spring semester (3 credit hours: SPSY 620; HLTH 671; RPTS 620)

Year 2: Completion of certificate remaining course requirements (9 credit hours)

- Students are required to take an additional 3 courses that addresses one of the following core areas of prevention science:
 - Content course (3 credit hours): This is a topic course that addresses what the “problems” are in a specific discipline that the student is interested in addressing related to prevention science
 - Theory course (3 credit hours): This course will be a theory-based course to further the student’s theoretical understanding surrounding the problem that the student is interested in addressing using a prevention science framework
 - Methods course (3 credit hours): This course will address methods for intervening or reducing problems such as research statistics and methods courses, intervention-related, program evaluation, or grant writing course. etc.
 - Policy course (3 credit hours): This is a course on how to address the problem via policy. A practicum course in implementing a prevention program or developing a grant for a non-for-profit organization to implement a prevention program may fulfill this requirement as well.

- Of these 3 courses, 2 courses must be outside of the student's department.
- Students are welcome to take courses in any TAMU department if they are relevant to prevention science with approval from the course instructor and a CPS Advisory Council member. However, students should be aware that the CPS Advisory Council members have more knowledge about the type and availability of courses in their respective participating departments/schools.

Please find a list of participating departments in the CPS, their respective CPS representative, and course prefixes:

- Educational Psychology, Jamilia Blake, Ph.D.; Course prefixes: EPSY; SPSY
- School of Public Health, Kenneth McElroy, Ph.D.; Course prefixes: SRPH; PSHC; PHEB; PHPM
- Sociology, Verna Keith, Ph.D.; Course prefix: SOCI
- Health & Kinesiology, Kelly Wilson, Ph.D.; Course prefix: HLTH
- Recreational Parks and Tourism, Corliss Outley, Ph.D. Course prefix: RPTS