



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY JUVENILE JUSTICE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

FALL/WINTER 2026 COURSE SCHEDULE

CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION

Professional growth should never be out of reach. That's why the Rutgers JJYD Program rolled our course fees back to \$295, so you can gain specialized knowledge, elevate your career, and expand your impact without stretching your budget!

ABOUT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Rutgers Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Certificate Program prepares professionals to navigate the complex realities of the juvenile justice system and to work effectively with justice-involved youth and their families using informed, developmentally appropriate approaches.

This rigorous 10-course interdisciplinary program draws on psychology, social work, criminal justice, law, and education to provide a comprehensive understanding of youth development within justice-involved contexts. Designed for professionals across diverse fields and career stages, the program bridges research, policy, and practice to build practical skills and deepen professional expertise.

Graduates of the program emerge equipped to respond to the multifaceted challenges facing today's juvenile justice system and to make a meaningful, lasting impact on the lives of young people. Invest in your professional growth and advance your ability to create positive outcomes for youth by enrolling in the Rutgers Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Certificate Program.

The Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Certificate Program includes 60 hours of live, instructor-led online learning, offering the flexibility to participate from anywhere while engaging in real-time instruction and discussion. Participants learn directly from leading faculty and nationally recognized experts in juvenile justice, psychology, education, and youth development, gaining practical knowledge that can be immediately applied in professional settings.

Enroll in the full certificate program to build comprehensive expertise, or select individual courses to strengthen specific skills aligned with your professional goals.

- 100% Online
- Expert Instructors
- No Application Needed
- Earn CLEs

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Program requirements can be completed in as little as six months!

Enroll in the full certificate or individual courses. The choice is yours! Rutgers JJYD Program is pleased to offer a convenient, interest-free equal payment plan through. The payment plan allows participants to divide certificate tuition into manageable monthly installments with no interest, flexible payment options, and a simple enrollment process, making it easier to invest in your professional development.



CERTIFICATE ENROLLMENT*

*For individual course registration, simply select the course(s) below



Click [here](#) for more information about the Nelnet Payment Plan.

CORE COURSES

FOUNDATIONS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 16 & 23, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REGISTER

FOUNDATIONS IN YOUTH JUSTICE

OCTOBER 1 & 8, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

REGISTER

CULTURAL HUMILITY IN YOUTH JUSTICE

NOVEMBER 5 & 12, 2026
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER

ENGAGING YOUTH AND FAMILIES

JANUARY 6 & 13, 2027
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER

ELECTIVES

COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS TO JUSTICE

OCTOBER 14 & 21, 2026
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER

THEN, NOW, HERE & THERE: DEVELOPMENTS & INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS IN YOUTH JUSTICE POLICY

DECEMBER 8 & 15, 2026
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER

RESTORATIVE CONFERENCING AND DIALOGUE PRACTICES

JANUARY 20 & 27, 2027
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER

ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH: NAVIGATING NORMS & INFLUENCES

FEBRUARY 5 & 12, 2027
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

REGISTER

BEYOND THE PIPELINE: UNPACKING SYSTEMIC BARRIERS

FEBRUARY 18 & 25, 2027
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER

CAPSTONE COURSE

REQUIRED COURSE: ELIGIBLE UPON COMPLETION OF ALL CORE COURSES AND AT LEAST FOUR ELECTIVES

MARCH 2 & 16, 2027
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER

PROGRAM BENEFITS

GROWTH



Adding the Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Program Certificate from Rutgers University will boost your resume, leading to increased opportunities for advancement in your field.

FLEXIBILITY



Online format is accessible from work, home or other remote location. Rolling admission means you can sign up for the full certificate or individual courses at any time. Complete the entire program at your own pace in as little as six months or enroll in individual courses a la carte!

CONNECTION



Build lasting connections. The JJYD program provides opportunities for information exchange, networking and collaboration with fellow students consisting of current and emerging leaders in the field of juvenile justice from across the country.

TRANSFORMATION



Multidisciplinary knowledge and experience gained from this program prepares you to address the demands of juvenile justice and work in innovative ways to improve outcomes for justice-impacted youth and their families.

TESTIMONIAL

"My key takeaway from the Rutgers JJYD program is that the youth we work with are more than their worst mistakes. Through these courses, I have gained a better understanding of how trauma can affect the behavior of young people and the limitations of our systems. Thanks to this program, I feel empowered to influence meaningful change."

-Juvenile Justice Professional and JJYD Certificate Graduate

