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**SUMMER Application**

 **JUNE 7 - 11, 2021**

##  The Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland (RVAAM)

The University of Baltimore (UB) is pleased to announce the 21st biannual Academy scheduled June 7-11, 2021. If the Academy is held online, this will be RVAAM’s third online Academy.

The Academy is modeled on the National Victim Assistance Academy, the nation’s premier training and education program for professionals who assist victims of crime. Traditionally, the Academy offers a rare opportunity to live, work, study and interact with victim service providers from all areas of advocacy. While it is assumed that students have had previous training in their area of specialization, this course provides a fundamental overview of the entire field of advocacy including victimology, victim rights, and victim assistance for residents in Maryland.

##### RVAAM Goals

*1. Provide a broad spectrum of basic advocacy*

 *training that will standardize the training of*

 *crime victim advocates in Maryland.*

2. Expand and enhance the level of

 professionalism within the victim services

 field.

3. Provide an opportunity to network with other

 victim service providers.

4. Increase knowledge of national, state, and

 local resources.

##### *Academy Partner*

******The University of Baltimore is located in the [cultural district of Baltimore](http://www.mvcd.org/), the economic, cultural and governmental center of Maryland. UB offers more than 50 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. Students acquire long-term learning skills that help them meet the challenges of a 21st-century career.

###### *Academy Faculty*

Outstanding state leaders in the field of victimology, criminal justice and victim rights join expert practitioners and host faculty from UB

to provide a rich education foundation grounded to practical application across the field.

##### *Who Should Apply?*

The RVAAM encourages the attendance of individuals from victim service agencies and other organizations that serve crime victims. This includes paid staff and volunteers from a variety of community-based and system-based programs and other allied professionals such as law enforcement and corrections. We encourage individuals to apply who are responsible for the training of staff who service crime victims.

###### *Participant Eligibility*

The Academy is designed primarily for victim service providers and allied professionals who have had a minimum of two years in the field of victim assistance. Whether online or in person, the Academy will accept up to 35 applicants for the 2021 Summer Session.

###### *Application Process*

An application form is included with this brochure. In order to be eligible for selection, a candidate must submit one typed application and two letters of recommendation, one from your supervisor/ program coordinator. Please note that the application includes a Pledge that must be signed committing each applicant to complete the necessary preparation and required reading **prior to June 7th,** the starting date of the Academy. The blank application form itself may be photocopied and shared but typed and completed; it should be emailed with recommendations included. *Faxed copies will NOT be accepted.*

**Email a signed application to:**

***Anne Litecky***

***School of Criminal Justice***

***University of Baltimore***

***Roper Victim Assistance Academy***

 **alitecky@ubalt.edu**

**Applications are due by**

**Friday, May 28, 2021**

###### *Selection Process*

In selecting thirty-five (35) participants from among all those who apply, the Selection Review Board will engage in a process intended to promote an Academy class which reflects a balance in cultural, programmatic, professional, and geographic diversity. Applicants will be notified of their selection status ***by NLT May 28, 2021*.**

###### *Orientation Meeting*

Until further notice, a Pre-Academy Orientation meeting will be held online, from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM prior to the start of the Academy on June 7th. Attendees will be notified of Orientation Meeting date prior to the meeting and it will be included in the acceptance letter.

###### *Academy Logistics and Costs*

In response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), until further notice, the Academy will be held online. Although participants are not residing overnight, there are still costs incurred to operate and manage the Academy. All participants must attend the entire Academy. If online, a video camera must be on at all times. Tuition, course materials and shipping expenses is $300.00.

###### *Academy Funding Options*

Agencies receiving VOCA funding and have a line item in their budget earmarked for training may use those funds to defray the cost of the Academy. Agencies that do not have training funds designated as such in their approved budgets but have unspent VOCA funds they wish to transfer into a training line item for the Academy, must contact your VOCA Grants Office for approval to do so.

The National OVC offers scholarships for Professional Development. For more information go to [www.ovcttac.org/scholarship](https://www.ovcttac.gov/myTTAC/dspMyTTAC_Create_Login.cfm?from=pds)

Applicants, who are able to demonstrate a financial need within their agency, may apply for an Academy Scholarship. There are a limited number of both full and partial scholarships. Once an applicant has been accepted, the applicant will receive a scholarship request form that requires a signature from their agency’s financial officer that validates the financial need.

###### *Academic Curriculum*

A comprehensive academically based Curriculum manual that includes more than 30 subject areas has been developed to serve as the Academy’s primary educational resource tool. The text, which will be provided at the pre-Academy meeting, provides the curriculum foundation and should be read in preparation for the Academy experience.

###### *Academic Credit Option*

Undergraduate and graduate level academic credits in criminal justice are available through UB for an additional fee. Credits will be granted upon fulfillment of all requisite conditions and Academy completion. Questions regarding academic credit may be emailed to: **dstanley@ubalt.edu****.**

***Academy Credit***

Continuing education units will be available for selected professions (e.g. police, corrections, parole, probation, counseling, social workers, therapists, nurses, etc.).

###### *Certificate of Graduation*

Upon successful completion of the entire Academy, including participation in all Academy sessions, participants will be awarded a state certificate of completion. Participants may also apply for State of Maryland certification and may also be eligible for NOVA’s National Certification.

###### *Alumni Association*

All Academy graduates are invited to participate in the Academy Alumni Association. The Alumni Association provides a vehicle by which Alumni may sustain an active and vibrant network of communication, coordination, and advocacy.

*“I had the privilege to participate in the June 2004 RVAAM. An assembly of academics and professionals from a variety of disciplines and professionals embarked upon a week of full itinerary. We concluded with an unbreakable bond of wisdom, resources and friendships. The forum provided an opportunity to dialogue, expand and heal. To those brave men and women who found the strength to disclose their personal testimonies of how they evolved from victims to become victors: and to those who dedicate a full-time work week to provide support, assistance, and knowledge, I thank you. Thank you for allowing me to be in the midst of your growth.”*

 **-*Cherie N. Peay (2004), Retired, Assistant Warden,***

**Summer 2021**

**(June)**

**RVAAM**

**Application**

**Submit the following application pages along with:**

 **personal statement**

**signed agreement**

**2 letters of reference**

**Email ONLY Completed Applications to:**

 **Anne Litecky**

**School of Criminal Justice**

**University of Baltimore**

**alitecky@ubalt.edu**

**Phone 410/837-5055**

**June 7-11, 2021 Academy Application Form**

**(Detach from first three informational pages of brochure)**

### Print Name Date \_\_\_\_

### Organization Work Phone: ( ) \_\_ \_

### Work Fax: ( ) Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Home Address: \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

### Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Alternate Email Address: \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

### Current Position: (Circle 1) Paid or Volunteer

### Number of years direct victim services From: TO:\_\_ \_\_\_

### Education/Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Year(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_

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**Complete all of the following information by checking the appropriate responses:**

1. **Select the *jurisdiction* and *one category* below that *best* describes the type of organization you
 represent: Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_Federal \_\_\_\_State \_\_\_\_Local \_\_ Tribal**

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| Criminal Justice-based | Community/Nonprofit-based | Additional Agencies |
| \_ Police/Marshal-based | \_ All Victims | \_ Youth Services |
| \_ Prosecution-based | \_ Sexual Assault | \_ Native Americans |
| \_ Court-based | \_ Domestic Violence | \_ Religious |
| \_ Probation-based | \_ Child Abuse | \_ Hospital/Medical |
| \_ Corrections-based | \_ Drunk Driving | \_ State VOCA Assistance Staff |
| \_ Parole-based | \_ Homicide Support | \_ State Victim Compensation Staff |
| \_Juvenile Justice-based | \_ Missing/Exploited Children | \_ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | \_ Elderly Victims |  |
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1. **Select the types of victims that you *primarily* serve below. (Check no more than *three*).**

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| \_ Domestic Violence  | \_ Drunk Driving | \_ Native Americans |
| \_ Sexual Assault | \_ Assault/Robbery | \_ Property/Economic |
| \_ Child Abuse | \_ Elderly Victims | \_ Crime/Fraud |
| \_ Survivors of Homicide  | \_ Missing/Exploited Children | \_ Victims with Disabilities |
| \_ Communities of Color\_ Other | \_ Immigrant/Migrant Workers | \_ Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/  Transgender |

1. **Select the types of services that you *primarily* provide for crime victims in your current position.**

 **(Check no more than *five* boxes).**

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| **\_ Crisis Intervention** | **\_ Criminal Justice System Advocacy** | **\_ Legal Advocacy** |
| \_ 24-hour Hotline | \_ Court Accompaniment | \_ Information/Referral |
| \_ Emergency Medical | \_ Restitution Assistance | \_ Training/Technical Assistance |
| \_ Shelter | \_ Notification | \_ Transportation |
| \_ Short-term Counseling | \_ Victim Impact Statement Assistance | \_ Child Care |
| \_ Long-term Counseling | \_ Compensation Claim Assistance | \_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

1. **Briefly summarize your current and previous experience assisting crime victims and other relevant**

**employment in the last five years. Provide position, responsibilities, and dates of service in chronological**

**order.**

**Position From: To:**

**Organization Responsibilities**

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**Position From: To: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Organization Responsibilities**

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**Position From: To:**

**Organization Responsibilities**

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**5. Have you attended the National Victim Assistance Academy? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, what year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**6. Briefly describe your interactions with crime victims in your present position. (Please use a s*eparate sheet* of paper to complete your answer and limit your response to 300 typed words.)**

**7. Briefly state why you want to attend the RVAAM and how your participation will be of benefit to you (professionally and personally) your organization, and your community. Include any additional information that you believe is important for the applicant selection committee to consider. (Please use a *separate sheet* of paper to complete your answer and limit your response to 450 typed words.)**

 ***(Attach both your experience and statement of participation to this application form.)***

**8. If accepted, I am interested in receiving three credits in the School of Criminal Justice Program University of Baltimore payable to UB. If yes, please check one: \_\_\_\_Undergraduate or \_\_\_\_ Graduate for an additional cost.**

**9. If accepted, I will be in need of applying for a scholarship through the Academy? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_ No**

**MAIL original application, personal statement, signed commitment statement, and two (2) written letters of recommendation (one from your supervisor/program coordinator).**

**By signing below, I signify my commitment to: 1) complete the required preparation and reading; 2) I commit to being in attendance for the full 40-hour Academy, and 3) If online, I agree to being physically present online with video camera on at all times. I acknowledge that the Academy includes some early evening hours as part of the 40-hour training, and that I have made necessary arrangements in advance with my employer regarding this schedule and these total hours, particularly if such hours may conflict with a typical work schedule.**

**If online, I also agree to abide by all RVAAM Training rules and regulations by participating fully online or in person for the entire training program. I agree to pay the required $300.00 tuition fees if I am not eligible for a scholarship or other funding.**

**I am aware, that all cancellations 10 days prior to the start of the Academy, the overnight fees may be billed to the applicant. I also note that if I miss the application deadline of May 28, 2021, I will pay a late fee of $30.00.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 (original signature required in blue ink)

**Your application package must be received no later than Friday, May 28, 2021.**

Primary Curriculum Topics:

**⬥ *History/Scope/Justice Systems***

***⬥ Restorative Justice***

***⬥ Victims’ Rights and Compliance***

***⬥ Financial Remedies***

***⬥ Domestic Violence***

***⬥ Child Victimization***

***⬥ Sexual Assault***

***⬥ Elderly Abuse***

***⬥ Drunk Driving***

***⬥ Homicide***

***⬥ Substance Abuse***

***⬥ Mental Health***

***⬥ Workplace Violence***

***⬥ Terrorism***

***⬥ Hate Crimes***

***⬥ Sexual Harassment***

***⬥ Disabled Victims***

***⬥ Funding and Evaluation***

***⬥ Trauma***

***⬥ Underserved Victims***

***⬥ Stalking***

***⬥ Crisis Intervention***

***⬥ Grief Processing***

***⬥ Advocacy***

***⬥ Case Management***

***⬥ Property/Non-Violent Crime***

***⬥ Cyber Victimization***

***⬥ Cultural Diversity/Interfaith***

***⬥ Certification and Professional Standards***

***⬥ Special Victim Populations***

 **The Academy warmly welcomes international applicants;**

**However, please note that all Academy sessions will be conducted in English.**

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| Any Questions?If you have any questions or need additional information about the Summer 2021 Academy, please contact: Anne Litecky  Program Coordinator RVAAM Email:alitecky@ubalt.edu (410) 570-1115 or Dr. Debra L. Stanley Academy Director RVAAM Email: dstanley@ubalt.edu (301) 461-9974 Checklist for Applicants: Have you remembered to enclose:* One completed application
* Personal and experiential statements
* Two letters of recommendation
* Signed statement of commitment

 NOTE: Payment is not required at the time of  application. Upon receiving an acceptance letter,  you will be asked to submit payment. \*\*If you have any further questions regarding payment, or scholarships, university credits and tuition please contact dstanley@ubalt.edu. |

***The Academy Staff and Alumni wish to thank GOCCP for their ongoing support*.**