

CERTIFICATE IN CULTURE AND CHANGE IN INSTITUTIONS

The Certificate in Culture and Change in Institutions is designed for professionals working in a variety of educational environments including health and social service organizations, P-12 schools, community colleges, universities, and non-governmental organizations. This certificate provides students with the concepts, skills, and values to recognize and use culture more effectively in their professional practices as agents in institutional settings. Courses in the certificate program foster awareness and understanding of culture and power, and also deliver practical strategies and techniques for individuals working in institutional settings to contribute to dynamic institutional culture that extends access and privilege to individuals from all cultural backgrounds and supports enactment of our national democratic values.

The Certificate is a 12-semester hour program. Courses may be included as part of a master's program in theory and social foundations or a doctoral degree educational foundations. Coursework can be completed on campus or through a combination of on-campus and online courses.

Admission to the Certificate in Culture and Change in Institutions

In addition to admission requirements of the College of Graduate Studies, admission to the certificate program requires the following:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year institution
- An overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.7 on a 4.0 scale in all undergraduate work or acceptable scores on the GRE for prospective students with less than a 2.7 undergraduate GPA
- A well-written statement of purpose describing the student's background and goals as well as the importance of the degree in achieving those goals
- Two letters of recommendation regarding the prospective student's potential for doing graduate level work from professionals such as an undergraduate major advisor, current employer, school principal or others who are knowledgeable about the applicant's ability to engage in graduate work in the desired program

The certificate program has selective admissions and may admit a limited number of students. Thus, meeting all formal criteria does not guarantee admission.

What to Submit with Your Application

- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education
- Statement of purpose
- Two letters of recommendation
- GRE scores if required

Requirements for the Certificate in Culture and Change in Institutions

For the Certificate, students must complete the following program requirements:

- A minimum of 12 semester hours of approved graduate course work
- Completion of at least four of the following: EDP 6150/8150, TSOC 5100/7100, 5210/7210, 5230/7230, or 6320/8320

Courses may be included as part of a master's or doctoral degree program as approved by the student's faculty advisor. Master's level courses (5000/6000 level) may be included as part of a master's plan of study. Doctoral level courses (7000/8000 level) may be included as part of a doctoral plan of study.

All coursework and requirements of the certificate must be taken within a four-year period immediately preceding the date the degree is awarded.

Plan of Study

A plan of study identifying the courses for the certificate is required after 6 credit hours. The certificate plan of study must include the following within the 12 semester hour minimum:

- 12 credits of specialization in culture and change in institutions

Guide for Developing a Plan of Study

Below is a guide for developing a Plan of Study for the Certificate in Culture and Change in Institutions. Students should work with their faculty advisor to identify specific courses to fulfill program requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Specialization in Culture and Change in Institutions		
Select four of the following:		12
EDP 6150/8150	CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES IN LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT	
TSOC 5100/7100	Group Processes In Education	
TSOC 5210/7210	Multicultural Non-Sexist Education	
TSOC 5230/7230	Intergroup And Intercultural Education	
TSOC 6320/8320	Education And The Democratic Ethic	
Total Hours		12