

# ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

## Multicultural Education (071)

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The Office of Graduate & Extended Learning offers a post-master's advanced certificate program in Multicultural Education. This 15-credit program is designed for childhood, adolescence and special subject teachers, as well as school guidance counselors and administrators who are interested in enhancing their cultural competencies in multicultural education.

Designed for professionals who already have their master's degree, this certificate program enables educators to understand the ways in which race, gender, class, language, sexual orientation, religion, and physical/learning ability influence them as professionals, their students, and the educational process. In addition, it provides educators with the knowledge and skills needed for culturally-responsive teaching and leadership, and approaches for creating socially-just educational settings.

### Admission Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- Evidence of interest in multicultural/social justice education.
- An official copy of all graduate transcripts indicating evidence of a master's degree in education from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Contact information for two school district officials, administrators, or colleagues who have agreed to provide a letter of recommendation.
- A 2-3 page personal essay describing your current educational initiatives in multicultural/diversity education and/or your goals for future endeavors for fostering greater appreciation of diversity in your classroom and school.

Online applications must be completed by:

November 1st	Spring admission
April 1st	Fall admission

Upon receipt of a completed application, the applicant will be contacted to schedule an interview with Dr. Nancy Schniedewind or Dr. Shannon McManimon to complete the application process.

### Curriculum Requirements / 15 credits

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Introductory Course (3 Credits)</b>		
EDS581	Issues of Racism and Sexism in Education	3
<b>Multicultural Education Electives (9 Credits)</b>		
Select 9 credits from the following:		9
Theoretical:		
EDS537	Issues in Multicultural Education	
EDS549	Issues in Literacy for Diverse Learners	

SPE572	Tchg. Learners of Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds	
EDS753	Leadership in Education and Human Service Settings	
Practical:		
EDS545	Cooperatively Structured Learning	
EDS546	Conflict Resolution in Education	
EDS548	Multicultural Approaches to Helping	
EDS550	Expressive Arts, Leadership, and Change	
EDS582	Exploration of Gender in Education	
EDS732	Group Dynamics	
EDS741	Social-Emotional Learning for Social Justice	
SPE565	Teaching in Inclusive Classrooms	
SED573	Teaching English as a New Language I	
<b>Capstone Course (3 Credits)</b>		
EDS793	Ed Studies Selected Topics	3
Total Credits		15

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### Program Requirements

Students complete 15 graduate credits of course work which include a 3-credit introductory course, 9 credits of electives, and a 3-credit capstone course, and must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. At the completion of the program, a Certificate in Multicultural Education will be granted by the State University of New York at New Paltz.

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