Social Justice in Education Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Social Justice in Education supports the understanding, knowledge, and skills needed to create a just and equitable society. The curriculum focuses on institutional and personal processes, values, attitudes, and behaviors that sustain injustice while encouraging the development of positive educational, familial, community-centric, and social group advocacy and action.

The Graduate Certificate in Social Justice is an 18 credit hour program. To earn a certificate, one must a) complete 6 credit hours in the Foundations Choice Sequence, b) complete 12 credit hours in the Elective Choice Sequences, and as a capstone c) submit during the final semester of the program, for review by a faculty panel, an artifact/assignment from a Certificate course together with a written reflection that articulates in what ways it represents one’s learning to become more culturally competent and socially just.

Foundations Sequence 6
Select 2 of 3 courses
- ED FND 6430 Ecological Context of Urban Education
- TCH ED 6010 Examining History, Community and Social Justice in Education
- TCH ED 6350 Gender, Language and Identity

Social Justice Electives 12
Select four courses from the list of electives. The elective courses are organized into three categories: Social Justice and Action, Diversity, and Culture and Context. You may select your electives from any or all categories.

Social Justice and Action Elective Courses
- CNS ED 6830 Counseling African American Clients
- CNS ED 6840 Counseling Sexual and Gender Minorities
- CNS ED 6850 Social Class and Poverty Issues In Counseling
- TCH ED 6020 Teacher Action, Advocacy and Leadership
- Or other approved elective

Diversity Elective Courses
- CNS ED 6030 Foundations for Multicultural Counseling
- ED FND 6430 Ecological Context of Urban Education
- GS 4100 Introduction to Feminist and Gender Theory
- TCH ED 6010 Examining History, Community and Social Justice in Education
- TCH ED 6350 Gender, Language and Identity
- Or other approved elective

Culture and Context Elective Courses
- CNS ED 6220 Counseling Individuals with Disabilities

ED ADM 6200
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ED FND 6430 Ecological Context of Urban Education
ED REM 7712 Discourse Analysis in Education
ED TECH 6434 Technology and Privilege
Or other approved elective

1 Course not taken for the Foundations Sequence requirement may be taken as an Elective course.