

Graduate Certificate in Multicultural Education

Plan Description

The Graduate Certificate in Multicultural Education (GCME) targets full- or part-time graduate students who seek academic preparation in multicultural education in order to build/improve their capacity for working well/effectively with diverse populations. Further, the certificate targets full- or part-time graduate students who have completed an undergraduate teacher education licensure program, and/or an alternative route to licensure program, in which multicultural education coursework (or related content (e.g., cultural diversity, cultural competency, etc.) was not a significant part of the program to build/improve their capacity for working well/effectively with diverse PK-12 student populations and their families.

Educator Endorsement Alignment:

The GCME curricula is aligned with the state-level educator endorsement in "cultural competency." Students who are pursuing or already hold a Nevada educator license can--in completing the 12-credit certificate--concomitantly fulfill requirements for the "initial" level cultural competency endorsement as displayed within the course requirements section below.

Once completed, these credits can be transferred into a masters or doctoral degree program, notably the M.Ed. or M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction/Multicultural Education and the Ed.D. or Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction/Cultural Studies, International Education, and Multicultural Education (CSIEME).

Applicants should verify current Nevada state regulations and licensure requirements directly with the Nevada Department of Education. UNLV is not responsible for details in regulations not displayed in this catalog.

Though the GCME targets full- or part-time graduate students who have completed an undergraduate teacher education licensure program, and/or an alternative route to licensure program, students do not need to be licensed to take the certificate and should be aware that the GCME is not a licensure program.

Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines

Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.

All applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements.

Qualified students must apply for admission to the Graduate College via the online application. All minimum Graduate College requirements MUST be met. In addition to the Graduate College requirements, GCME applicants must also complete and submit a résumé/vita and a 250-750 word personal statement detailing their interest in the GCME.

Applications for admission into the Graduate Certificate in Multicultural Education are accepted for any term. Acceptance may be limited based on course enrollments.

Students are accepted into a certificate program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

Total Credits Required: 12

Course Requirements

Required Courses - Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits by completing all courses below:

CME 750 Critical Multicultural Education	3
CME 755 Teaching about Latina/Latino Experiences in Education	3

Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits by completing 2 courses, following the options below:

[Before] Choose one course from the options below:	
CME 705 Multicultural Education	3
[After] OR	
CIG 773 Critical Literacies/Critical Pedagogies	3
[After] Choose one course from the options below:	
CME 765 Analysis of the School-to-Prison Pipeline	3
[After] OR	
CME 770 Critical Inquiry and Praxis	3

Certificate Requirements

Accepted students must earn a B or better in all courses.

Plan Certificate Completion Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation in MyUNLV by the appropriate deadline.