Virtual Professional Development Course Now Available

Addressing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Cultural Competency

Massive nationwide protests over the police killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and others, along with CDC data showing massive racial disparities in the response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, have thrown issues of racial disparity and systemic racism into new light. By addressing the causes of these inequities, we can work together to lessen the achievement gaps, improve teaching practices in the classroom, and work towards building a more inclusive, equitable society for all Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, cultural background, or socioeconomic status.

Cultural Competency: A Field of Study | ED997

Instructor: Dr. Tanis King Starck

Dates: Sept. 14–Nov. 6

This course is a conversation on awareness, acceptance, and respect for the diverse cultures in our own communities. You’ll learn what it takes to teach in culturally and linguistically diverse school settings, and what it means to be a culturally competent educator.

At the end of this course, you’ll be able to:

- Value diversity by accepting and respecting different cultural backgrounds and customs, and different ways of communicating
- Become more culturally self-aware where you will be able to understand your own culture
- Understand the dynamics of cultural interactions
- Understand the many factors that affect interactions across cultures, including historical cultural experiences and relationships between cultures in a local community.
- Design educational services based on an understanding of students’ cultures so that the learning environments they work in, can adapt to and better serve diverse populations.

Testimonials

“Coordinating the courses on our campus promotes flexibility, easy accessibility, and efficiency of time. It has been nothing but a positive experience!” — Christine Fuentes, Middle School Learning Support Teacher

“I believe cultural competency professional development should be required for all educators.” — Akil N. Adisa

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