

Multicultural and Social Justice Counseling, Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Multicultural and Social Justice Counseling (MSJC) certificate may be pursued as a stand-alone credential or in conjunction with another mental health program (such as: Master’s Degree in Education in counseling, the Master’s in Social Work degree, the Ed.D. or the Ph.D. in Education, or the PhD in Clinical Psychology). With advance planning, all 12 credits may be applied to the Master’s of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree. Completion of the MSJC certificate, however, does not guarantee acceptance into any other degree program (separate application required for admission).

Admission Requirements

Requirements for admission to the MSJC certificate program are: current “good standing” (non-probation) in an UMSL graduate mental health practitioner training program (counseling, social work, or psychology) **OR** all of the following criteria must be met:

1. Undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better;
2. Enrollment in a graduate mental health practitioner training program OR earned master’s degree in mental health field;
3. Two letters of recommendation with at least one from a current or former college-level instructor (or someone with a graduate degree who can attest to the applicant’s capacity to complete graduate-level work);
4. Two-page personal statement explaining the applicant's personal and professional goals.

Certificate Requirements

Core

CNS ED 6030

Foundations for Multicultural Counseling

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Electives

Choose three of the following:

- CNS ED 6220 Counseling Individuals with Disabilities
- CNS ED 6600 Theories and Techniques of Counseling Children and Adolescents**
- CNS ED 6810 Integrating Religion and Spirituality in Counseling
- CNS ED 6820 Counseling Women Toward Empowerment
- 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
- CNS ED 6870 Counseling and Cultural Competence in a Global Society

Any other CNS ED 6800-level courses as offered

CNS ED 7010 Advanced Multicultural Counseling

Total Hours

12

If other departments are affected by this proposal, please secure "sign-offs" and indicate for each department the following:

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
	Michael Griffin		No

Justification for request:

Added two more courses to the elective list to increase flexibility.