

Latino Cultural Competency in Social Work (Graduate Certificate)

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Are you a social worker who wishes to engage in culturally effective practice with Latino individuals and families? This program equips you with the necessary skills to serve the growing Latino population and better meet the needs of the Latino community.

Program description

Degree awarded: Certificate Latino Cultural Competency in Social Work (certificate)

The Latino cultural competency in social work certificate is intended for graduate social work students and current professional social workers who want specific expertise in order to expand their employment potential. This program enhances students' capacity for engaging in culturally grounded practice with Latino clients and their communities.

The program provides social work students the opportunity to learn the critical, cross-cultural factors that influence a worker's competency in forming professional helping relationships with Latinos; understand the social and cultural context and theoretical principles of social work practice with Latinos; and learn the social service delivery issues involved in providing services for bilingual and limited- or non-English-speaking Latino populations.

The School of Social Work offers Latino-oriented courses with an emphasis on Spanish language development for professional social workers.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Degree requirements

15 credit hours

The following is required for **students enrolled in the Master of Social Work** program:

1. completion of 480 hours of field practicum with Latino clients and communities (60% of caseload to be Spanish-speaking)
2. field practice consisting of six credit hours of field practicum
3. six credit hours of Latino-oriented coursework
4. SWG 533 Diversity and Oppression in a Social Work Context (3)

At least three credit hours must be taken from within the School of Social Work.

Those already working in the community as a professional social worker have the following requirements:

1. six credit hours of independent study field practice consisting of the completion of 480 hours with Latino clients and communities (60% of client caseload to be Spanish-speaking)
2. six credit hours of Latino-oriented coursework
3. SWG 533 Diversity and Oppression in a Social Work Context (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

At least three credit hours of the Latino-oriented coursework must be taken from within the School of Social Work.

Students already working in the field of social work may petition to use their place of employment for the six credit hours of independent study field practice.

Students with a Master of Social Work or BSW degree who have completed SWG 533 in the past five years may substitute another Latino-oriented course.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. the School of Social Work Latino cultural competency application form and the required \$50 application fee
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of [English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency.

International students who need an F-1 or J-1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the U.S. on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

No more than two certificate courses may be completed before applying for admission to the certificate program.

Social work graduate students must have graduate status in the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions' School of Social Work and must demonstrate proficiency in the Spanish language.

Community professional social workers must possess a Master of Social Work, Bachelor of Social Work or related master's degree and must demonstrate proficiency in the Spanish language.

Community workers must have the equivalency of two years of work experience in the social service field and an undergraduate degree, and demonstrate proficiency in the Spanish language.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Career opportunities

Graduates with this certificate can:

- demonstrate the ability to communicate with the growing monolingual Spanish-speaking population
- demonstrate an understanding of issues affecting Latino populations
- increase their cultural competency as social workers regarding Latino populations

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