

CULTURALLY SUSTAINING TEACHING CERTIFICATE

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OVERVIEW

Culturally sustaining teaching practices are essential if teachers want to be relevant in today's classroom. Culturally relevant teaching (CRT) is a practice grounded in a level of cultural competence that allows teachers to effectively educate through a skill based knowledge that supports teaching in a multicultural setting.

If we want to improve test scores and close the opportunity gap, our teachers have to be able to relate to their students. Culturally relevant teachers produce results. In a study where teachers used culturally relevant strategies, over 80% of the students were on task (Hughes et al, 2004). According to Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings, the pioneer of culturally relevant teaching, making education culturally relevant has the capacity to improve academic achievement. There is also a potential to impact test scores.

This program is a unique opportunity for educators who desire to be effective for 21st century learners.

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- Register online at ContinuingEd.uncc.edu/culturallysustaining
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“Children learn more from who you are than what you teach.”

- W.E.B. Dubois



INFORMATION SESSIONS

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BRING PROGRAMS TO YOUR COMPANY

We can deliver any of our programs on-site at your facility, or they can be scheduled at UNC Charlotte's Center City Campus. All programs can be tailored and customized to accommodate your specific training needs. Please contact Amy Wartham, Director of Corporate Training at awartham@uncc.edu or 704-687-8723 to discuss how UNC Charlotte's programs can benefit your company or organization.

COURSE INFORMATION

The UNC Charlotte Urban Education Collaborative and the Department of Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education have partnered to offer this program, which is one of the first of its kind in the country. The sessions are designed and delivered by education faculty.

Some of the benefits and characteristics of the Culturally Sustaining Teaching Certificate are:

- Educators will be able to market themselves as a certified culturally sustainable teacher.
- Educators learn the best practices to make education culturally relevant to 21st century learners.
- Educators will be introduced to a variety of more inclusive literature that supports achievement.
- Educators will become familiar with the best practices for better classroom management for diverse settings.
- Educators will be able to provide cross cultural communication for academic success.
- Educators will recognize the theory behind cultural relevance.
- Educators will identify how to practically apply culturally sustaining teaching practices.

This 8-hour, self-paced, online program is available on-demand to fit the schedule of all educators.

The certificate is brought to you by the Urban Education Collaborative, Chance Lewis, Ph.D., Collaborative Director, Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professor of Urban Education, Stephen Hancock, Ph.D., Assistant Director, and Stephanie Jones-Fosu, Graduate Assistant.

Who should take this course?

- Educators that teach in diverse settings.
- Educators that want to increase classroom engagement.
- Individuals thinking about teaching in diverse settings who would like to get initial exposure to culturally sustaining teaching practices.

Key Topics

- Cultural Competence and Pluralism.
- Linguistics practices.
- Culturally Sustaining Literature.
- Best teaching practices for Diverse Learners.
- Heritage and Community Practice.

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