The **Advanced Certificate in Cultural Competence** at the College of Staten Island is the first of its kind in the country. It is accredited by the New York State Department of Education. It has been developed and designed to help health care professionals:

- Advance and revitalize their careers
- Increase their earning potential, marketability, and promotional opportunities
- Meet the health care and educational demands of an increasingly diverse population
- Meet accrediting agency and professional association mandates for cultural competence education

If you are dedicated to expanding your professional development and being on the cutting edge of healthcare, this program will benefit you whether you work in a practice or an academic setting.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The certificate requires 9 credits:

**Course 1: NRS 700 Transcultural Concepts and Issues in Health Care (3 credits)**
This course focuses on the general philosophy, ethics, concepts, skills, theory, research, and practice underlying transcultural care. Current issues in pluralism, diversity, and health care are explored in relation to culturally competent care of advanced practitioners in health care settings. Leininger’s Theory of Culture Care and other selected theories and research studies are critically appraised for utilization in various practice and management settings. Future directions of transcultural care are discussed.

**Course 2: NRS 703 Teaching and Learning for Cultural Competence Development (3 credits)**
This course builds on the foundational philosophy, ethics, concepts, skills, theory, research, and practices underlying the development of cultural competence in health care. The multidimensional process of teaching and learning cultural competence is presented as an organizing framework for advancing cultural competence development. Strategies and techniques for helping culturally diverse nurses, other health professions, and health organizations develop cultural competence are critically appraised for utilization in various practice, management, and educational settings. Eliminating health disparities through the creative use of culturally competent client education is emphasized. Future directions for advancing cultural competence development are discussed.

**Course 3: NRS 704 Cultural Competence in Health Care Project (3 credits)**
This course will assist learners to develop a “cultural competence in health care” project. The project can be directed toward clients, communities, agencies, nursing organizations, nursing personnel, or nursing education, and must relate to the overall goal of eliminating health disparities. The course also emphasizes measurement and evaluation of project outcomes.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree with a major in Nursing or a higher degree in Nursing or other related fields
- Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing courses

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $125.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island.

Personal Statement:
A personal statement of 300-500 words or more describing cultural competence goals.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Minimum required scores: 550 (Paper), 213 (Computer), or 79-80 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.
International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. Minimum required score: 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 1

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.
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