

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RACIAL TRAUMA, INTERVENTION & JUSTICE



As a therapist or church leader, navigating the impact of race in the lives of those we serve is both complex and necessary. In this innovative certificate program, students will be empowered to meet this challenge through scholarship at the nexus of history, psychology and theology.

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FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL & CULTURAL ISSUES

Provided in an intensive online format, this course provides an overview of the racial diversity-driven contexts that surround relationship and sociopolitical trends in a multicultural society, and relates these to interpersonal interactions and to the professional fields of counseling and ministry. Multicultural competence development and cultural identity development are presented within racial and social justice contexts. The course includes experiential learning activities and significant content on multicultural competencies. This will include 1) consideration of racial diversity, pluralistic issues, and social barriers that impede equity and success for racially diverse individuals, 2) detrimental culturally supported behaviors, 3) bias and prejudice, and 4) religious and spiritual issues that relate to the development of cultural awareness and humility. This is the first course in the certificate program.

RACIAL TRAUMA: DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY & INTERVENTION

This course provides specific focus on the developmental impact of race-based trauma on the psychological, emotional and behavioral health of diverse individuals. Theories on the psychosocial development of racial trauma are presented, along with a review of the current research on racial trauma intervention. The course includes a focus on addressing racial trauma within clinical and spiritual lenses as required components of intervention.

THEOLOGY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

In Theology of Social Justice, students will formulate responses to historical American racial injustice from biblical, theological, and ethical perspectives. This will include engaging the history of the construction of race in western thought and its correlative reading perspectives toward the Bible. Special attention will be given to various twentieth century “hermeneutics of liberation” and more recent reader-response approaches from oppressed perspectives.

RESTORATIVE SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY PRACTICUM

This course provides experiential learning opportunities and expects students to work together as well as alongside organizations engaged in social justice activities. Students will reflect and collaborate on development of antiracist skills and actions that combat social injustice in culture, clinical practice, and/or Christian ministry. Historical and current interpersonal and systemic racist thought and policy will be covered. This course sets the stage for students to develop personal and/or ministerial advocacy plans for their ongoing engagement post certificate completion.

Richmont Graduate University provides Christ-centered education and research that advances God's work of healing, restoration, and transformation in the lives of individuals, churches, and communities.

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