Graduate Certificate Chief Diversity Officer in Higher Education

The Graduate Certificate Chief Diversity Officer in Higher Education (CDOHE) is a collaborative program between the Departments of Educational Psychology and Higher Education and Teaching and Learning. The certificate targets full or part-time graduate students who seek professional preparation commensurate with the Standards of Professional Practice for Chief Diversity Officers (CDO) established by the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE) in 2014. Master’s and doctoral students enrolled in disciplines outside of higher education and multicultural education, as well as current administrative professionals who already possess an undergraduate degree and have 2-3 years full-time work experience, will particularly benefit from this certificate.

Admission Requirements

Both non-degree and degree seeking students post baccalaureate are eligible to enroll for the certificate. In addition, current administrative professionals may enroll. All minimum Graduate College requirements MUST be met.

Both Degree and Non-Degree Seeking

A qualified student, who wishes to enter UNLV to obtain the Graduate Certificate in CDOHE without being enrolled in a degree program, may apply for graduate admission to the Graduate College via the ApplyYourself (AY) system.

DEGREE SEEKING

Doctoral and masters level students who are admitted to and pursuing other disciplines are eligible for the certificate program CDOHE.

Admission Process

Both Degree and Non-Degree Seeking applicants:
1. Apply for graduate admission to the Graduate College via the ApplyYourself (AY) system;
2. Select “degree-seeking” option—the menu of programs will then be provided;
3. Select “Certificate in Chief Diversity Officer”;
4. Complete application;
5. Upload a one-page statement regarding your interest in the certificate and how it meets your professional goals;
6. Upload a current resume or vitae;
7. Submit all materials via the AY system.

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Degree Requirements

Hours earned in a degree program in either higher education or multicultural education cannot be used for the graduate certificate in CDOHE. The nature of the certificate allows students to tailor their course work based on their professional goals.

Certificate Requirements (18 credit hours)

Required Courses 9 Credits - Complete the following courses:
- CIG 660 Multicultural Education (3)
- EDH 705 Higher Education Law (3)
- EDH 742 Academic Governance in Higher Education (3)

Core 3 Credits - Complete one of the following courses:
- CIG 771 Comparative Studies in Education (3)
- CIG 772 Cultural Studies in Education (3)
- CIG 773 Critical Pedagogies/Critical Literacies (3)

Multicultural Education Electives 3 Credits - Complete one of the following courses:
- CIG 661 Special Topics in Multicultural Education (3)
- CIG 662 Theory and Research in Multicultural Education (3)

Higher Education Electives 3 Credits - Complete one of the following courses:
- EDH 627 Student Learning and Development (3)
- EDH 714 Understanding Minority Serving Institutions (3)
- EDH 738 Public Policy in Higher Education (3)

Enrollment may be limited based on class size. Students must earn a B or better in all courses. Certificates will be awarded upon the student’s successful completion of the certificate requirements.

Financial Aid

For Information on grants, loans, and work-study opportunities contact Student Financial Services at (702) 895-3424 or toll-free 1-800-334-UNLV, or the office located on the second floor of the Reynolds Student Services Complex.

Admission Deadline

August 1st for Fall Admission
December 1st for Spring Admission
May 15th for Summer Admission

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