Admission to the Certificate in Applied Community Psychology Program

The Certificate is designed for individuals employed in a range of advocacy and/or human services fields who wish to improve their skills and increase their career options. In addition, the Certificate provides excellent opportunities to recent university graduates in the social and behavioral sciences who are interested in entering community intervention work, deepening their understanding of community life and developing practical skills for community and social change. After completing the certificate, participants are able to approach problems with a more integrated point of view and work cooperatively with individuals, organizations, and communities to prevent and ameliorate social problems and strengthen community capacities.

This unique program, the only one of its kind in the United States, offers working adults the opportunity to acquire new skills at a pace that will not overly interfere with their busy lives.

• The Certificate welcomes applicants with a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
• The 18 month course of study is not as intense as a Master’s program but still provides students with quality, hands-on experience and training at a graduate level of study
• Classes meet only once per week, usually on Wednesday evenings, plus additional field study work which can be planned to accommodate hectic schedules
• Students completing the certificate may be eligible to transfer coursework into Master’s degree programs

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for admission, applicants must supply the following:

• Evidence of a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
• Evidence of graduate level writing and communication ability, as demonstrated in the Admissions Dialogue.
• Evidence of appropriate orientation and goals that indicate potential success in the Certificate Program as well as future professional work, as provided in the Admissions Dialogue, previous academic record, and a face-to-face interview.