

Admission to the Certificate in LGBT Affirmative Psychology Program

The LGBT Psychology Certificate program is designed to meet the growing demand for specialized training in the field of LGBT-affirmative psychotherapy. Developed from AULA's graduate-level LGBT Specialization in Clinical Psychology (the first of its kind in the nation), the certificate program prepares mental health professionals to provide more effective and compassionate therapy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender clients. Students gain a historical and cultural perspective on LGBT oppression and identity; study the impact of both external and internalized homophobia and heteronormativity; and learn LGBT-affirmative therapy techniques that validate and celebrate the special gifts of LGBT individual.

The Certificate in LGBT Psychology was designed for:

- Psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, and practitioners holding an LMFT, LPCC, LCSW, or related license
- Non-licensed professionals who have earned a license-eligible, regionally accredited master's degree in clinical or counseling psychology or a related field
- School/pastoral counselors

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for admission, applicants must supply the following:

- Evidence of a bachelor's and master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- Evidence of graduate level writing and communication ability, as demonstrated in the Self-Reflection Statement.
- Evidence of appropriate orientation and goals that indicate potential success in the Program as well as future professional work and capacity to reflect insightfully on personal experience, as provided in the Self-Reflection Statement and previous academic record. An interview may also be required to determine eligibility.