

## Latino Cultural Competency in Social Work Graduate Certificate Program

The Latino Cultural Competency certificate program is designed for Spanish Speaking MSW students and Spanish-Speaking professionals who want to:

- Deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate social services to Latino clients
- Understand the complexities and diversity of the Latino client population;
- Understand the critical cross-cultural factors that influence a worker's competency in forming professional helping relationship with Latino clients and their families.
- Identify social justice issues involved in providing services for limited English-speaking and non-English speaking Latino population.
- Enhance their employment potential by adding an expertise in social services for Latino clients

The Certificate is 15-credit certificate program within the existing ASU master's social work degree program, as well as a stand-alone 15-credit certificate for community professionals. The certificate program consists of a combination of Latino/Diversity oriented coursework and a bilingual/bicultural practicum with Spanish speaking clients, families and communities.

### Admission Criteria

I. Academic Degree Status in one of the following

- Current enrollment in the ASU Downtown Master of Social of Work Program and a GPA of 3.0; or
- Hold a Master of Social Work or related masters degree with a GPA of 3.0 or Bachelor of Social Work (with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for junior and senior semesters); or
- A bachelor's degree in a related field (with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for junior and senior semesters of the bachelor's degree) and the equivalency of a two-year full-time human service/social service experience.

II Successfully [pass the Spanish language proficiency exam](#)

Acceptance into to the certificate program is contingent on an applicant's successful completion of the Spanish language proficiency examination administered through the ASU School of Social Work. .

### Application Checklist

- Submit to the ASU School of Social Work the following:** The completed Latino Cultural Competency in Social Work Application Form, your resume, your transcripts and the required \$50 application fee.
- Submit to the ASU Graduate College:** the on-line Graduate College application form and pay the required Grad College Application fee.

**Please submit form to**  
School of Social Work  
Academic Services  
Arizona State University  
Mail Code 3920  
411 N. Central Ave., 800  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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**Latino Cultural Competency Certificate Application Form**  
**Fall Admission Deadline: March 15**  
**Spring Admission Deadline: November 15**

1.	Name:			
2.	ASU ID No. or SS N.			
2.	Status	<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently enrolled ASU School of Social Work MSW Program (Phoenix Downtown/Tucson Component) with required GPA. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a professional social worker with an MSW or BSW; or a community profession with a related master's degree with required GPA. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a community professional with a bachelor's degree in a related field and the equivalent of a two-year full-time human service/social service experience with required GPA or equivalent professional experience.		
3.	Email Address			
4.	Current phone	Permanent phone	Business phone	
5.	Mailing Address			
6.	Spanish Language Proficiency	<b>Prior to acceptance into the certificate program applicants are to successfully pass the Spanish language proficiency examination administered through the ASU School of Social Work. The examination will be arranged upon receipt of the applicant's application to the certificate program and the required \$50 fee.</b>		
7.	Professional Experience	Please attach a professional resume that includes volunteer and paid work experience.		
8.	Certificate requirements	The requirements for the Latino Cultural Competency Certificate are posted on the ASU website at <a href="http://ssw.asu.edu/certificates/index.html">http://ssw.asu.edu/certificates/index.html</a> and <a href="http://olp.asu.edu">http://olp.asu.edu</a> . While you will be provided with advice about these requirements, you are charged with the primary responsibility for knowing and satisfying the certificate requirements.		
9.	Certificate Fee	There is a prescribed fee for the certificate program.		
I agree that I am responsible for knowing the Latino Cultural Competency Certificate requirements and for ensuring that I satisfy those requirements before I can be awarded a certificate.				

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_