

COMMUNITY- ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP, GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

The purpose of this certificate program is to train graduate students in the practice of community-engaged scholarship (CES), which is defined as teaching or research that is done in collaboration with community organizations or community partners in equitable, mutually beneficial, respectful relationships.

CES can include:

- community-based (service) learning, in which students work with community organizations or members (typically through direct service, advocacy or policy efforts, or other project-based work) to enhance their academic learning, professional development, and personal development while providing tangible benefits to the community organization and its constituents.
- community-based research, a spectrum of research including community-based participatory research and participatory action research. In this type of research, researchers work with community members to address research questions or issues identified by the community itself. These collaborations typically yield both academic research and useful outcomes or products for community members, who often act as co-researchers. Additionally, the relationships between community partners and researchers are mutually beneficial, equitable, and respectful.
- other community engagement and outreach efforts, including scholarship on CES.

Graduate students in this certificate may focus on one, several, or all facets of CES, depending on their interests. Through this certificate, students will feel confident to teach community-based learning courses, conduct community-based research, and/or lead community engagement initiatives.