

CULTURAL COMPETENCE TRAINING PROGRAM

Center for Social Justice

Recognizing that culturally responsive instruction helps educators close achievement gaps, NEA offers a program that expands the capacity of educators to serve students from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The program aims to accomplish the following goals:

- Deepen participants' own cultural self-awareness.
- Increase their understanding of the link between cultural self-awareness and cultural competence.
- Identify culturally responsive teaching practices.
- Share strategies for promoting culturally responsive instruction.

The Cultural Competence Training Program is offered as a three-hour or four-hour session:

- **Three-Hour Interactive Session** – Challenges educators to critically examine and strengthen their own instructional practices through a series of activities that teach participants how to become culturally competent educators by using culturally relevant curricula, employing culturally responsive teaching practices, facilitating school-wide cultural responsiveness, and forming professional learning communities.
- **Four-Hour Interactive Session** – Participants cover the content of the three-hour session and go beyond it with specific exercises that explore how educators can work with families and communities to ensure that every student, from every culture they encounter in their schools, has the opportunity to achieve academic success.

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