Literacy & Language Development for Diverse Learners Certificate

Certificate Scholarship

Interested in summer course work? Check out CU Denver’s “Literacy & Language Development for Diverse Learners Certificate” – FULLY ONLINE

$800 LLCRT Certificate Scholarships

The Literacy, Language & Culturally Responsive Teaching Program is currently offering $800 Scholarships to support partial tuition & fee costs toward the “Literacy & Language Development for Diverse Learners Certificate,” which is a fully online four-course graduate certificate.

Which courses are included in the “Literacy & Language Development for Diverse Learners Certificate?”
The four courses included in the “Literacy & Language Development for Diverse Learners Certificate,” can be taken in any sequence and consist of
- LCRT 5810: Oral & Written Language & Literacy (Spring 2017)
- LCRT 5150: Culturally Relevant & Responsive Pedagogies (Summer 2017, June 5-30th)
- LCRT 5055: Literacy Assessment & Informed Instruction (Fall 2017)
- LCRT 5770: Effective Literacy Instruction for Diverse Learners (Spring 2018).

What is a certificate program?
This certificate program offers graduate-level coursework that provides professional teachers with a strong working knowledge about meeting the needs of diverse learners in the areas of literacy, language and culture. Once courses are completed, the Certificate title is listed on the individual’s CU transcripts. Once completed, a Certificate Program can “stand alone.” Or, individuals have the option of applying the certificate course work toward an endorsement offered by the Colorado Education Department, such as, "The Reading Teacher" or "Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education." Or, individuals can apply the certificate coursework toward the MA in Curriculum & Instruction with a specialization in Literacy, Language & Culturally Responsive Teaching (reading/writing program) or Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education (individuals must first be admitted to the CU Denver Graduate Program).

What is the cost?
The cost of each certificate course is $1119 tuition + $130 course fee = $1249 per course. With the $800 scholarship, cost is reduced to $449 per course. Individuals are responsible for purchasing any required textbooks for each course.

Interested? Contact the Office of Continuing and Professional Education: cpe@ucdenver.edu or 720.639.9229

Eligibility guidelines
Individuals Interested in enrolling in the certificate courses and applying for the $800 scholarship:
- Must be a non-degree seeking student at CU Denver;
- Must be registered with the Continuing & Professional Education Office at CU Denver’s School of Education & Human Development;
- With each successful completion of a certificate course, an individual can apply for another LLCRT certificate scholarship;
- Individuals can apply for up to 4 Certificate Scholarships and be awarded up to 2 LLCRT Certificate Scholarships;
- Individuals can only be awarded one certificate scholarship at a time.

Application guidelines
Prepare and submit the following:
- Cover Page: Your name, address, phone, email, school, grade level, content area & district where you currently teach and years of experience teaching.
- Letter to the LLCRT Faculty (Literacy, Language & Culturally Responsive Teaching Program): In a one to two page letter, elaborate on the following:
  - what you have done in literacy teaching, curriculum and/or assessment work so far;
  - who the students are you support in the area of literacy;
- what you hope to do in the future related to literacy;
- why you want the scholarship; and,
- how the scholarship will help you.

- **Submit scholarship application documents to:** Dr. Sherry Taylor (Email: sherry.taylor@ucdenver.edu). Applications will be reviewed by the entire LLCRT faculty. Decisions are generally made within 10-20 days and students are contacted thereafter. Funds will be awarded the semester after notification of scholarship award. E.g., Scholarships awarded in Spring will be available for use during Summer.

**Distribution of funds**

- Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in one of the four aforementioned certificate courses to receive the funds (E.g., LCRT 5810 (Spring); LCRT 5150 (Summer); LCRT 5055 (Fall); LCRT 5770 (Spring).
- Funds will be dispersed to the recipient’s student account after the census date of the semester in which the recipient is enrolled in one of the four courses (census date is generally two weeks after start of the semester);
- See Bursar’s Office Website for payment dates and deadlines.