

Graduate Certificate in Sexuality and Gender Education or SAGE

This collaborative certificate program between the Sandler School of Social Work and the Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is available for master's and doctoral students. It provides a flexible curricular framework for a focus on Sexuality and Gender Studies within social work and related professions.

From a context that emphasizes the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice, the Graduate Certificate in Sexuality and Gender Education has been designed to prepare graduate students to acquire, integrate, and apply knowledge of issues related to sex, sexuality, and gender. For students pursuing clinical careers, the Certificate is designed to provide credits toward certification as a sex therapist based on Florida Department of Health's current requirements as well as toward certification as a sex educator, counselor, or therapist with the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT). For students pursuing other careers, the certificate offers the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of issues connected to service, facilitation, leadership, and advocacy with vulnerable populations, especially marginalization related to sex, sexuality, and gender.

Admission to the Graduate Certificate is limited to students currently enrolled in any graduate program at Florida Atlantic University. Credits earned for graduate degree programs will also count for the certificate if approved by advisors in both programs. Requirements include the two core courses below and two graduate-level elective courses, one from each program (SOW and WST). Applications for the Graduate Certificate should be submitted to the Director of the Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies upon successful completion of the required courses with a minimum grade of "B" in each. Advising for the SAGE Graduate Certificate is shared between the Director of Graduate Studies in the Center and the SAGE Coordinator at the School of Social Work.

Required Core Courses		
Social Work and Human Sexuality	SOW 6153	3
Sexuality and Gender Studies	WST 6604	3
Recommended Electives (select two courses) *		

Conflict Resolution	SOW 6158	3
Feminist Theory and Praxis	WST 6564	3
Ethical Issues in Contemporary Social Work Practice	SOW 6296	3
Special Topics in WGSS (if applicable)	WST 6934	3
Women, Violence, Resistance	WST 6327	3
Gender, Sexuality, Myth and Reality	WST 6306	3
Special Topics in Social Work (if applicable)	SOW 6930	3
Women of Color in the U.S.	WST 6405	3
Social Work Practice with Survivors of Human Trafficking	SOW 6786	3
Gender, Health and Power	WST 6615	3
Feminization of Poverty	WST 6938	3

* Substitutions may be made with the approval of the Director of the Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies for the School of Social Work. In particular, Counselor Education students may wish to substitute MHS 6470 Counseling & Human Sexuality for SOW 6153 Social Work and Human Sexuality.

Nicole Morse

From: Heather Thompson
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 12:16 PM
To: Nicole Morse
Cc: Joy McClellan; David Landsman-Wohlsifer
Subject: SSW support of SAGE certificate

Good afternoon Dr. Morse:

This is to confirm that the Sandler School of Social Work faculty affirmed in their April 8, 2022 faculty meeting that they were in support of the Sexuality and Gender Education Graduate Certificate. We look forward to this collaboration for the benefit of our students.

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Heather Thompson, Ph.D., LCSW

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"I am not anxious to be the loudest voice or the most popular. But I would like to think that at a crucial moment, I was an effective voice of the voiceless, an effective hope of the hopeless." - Whitney M. Young

Nicole Morse

From: Carman Gill
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 3:28 PM
To: Nicole Morse
Cc: Joy McClellan
Subject: Re: SAGE Certificate
Attachments: Vastardis_MHS_6470_001_19052.pdf

Hi Nicole,

It was nice speaking with you as well. There are no negative impacts on our program. I have attached the syllabus for MHS 6470 Counseling & Human Sexuality. This is the course that we talked about counseling students/graduates potentially transferring in, in place of the required SOW 6153 Social Work and Human Sexuality. Thanks,
Carman

From: Nicole Morse <morsen@fau.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:47 PM
To: Carman Gill <gillc@fau.edu>
Cc: Joy McClellan <JMCCLEL2@fau.edu>
Subject: SAGE Certificate

Dear Carman,

Thanks so much for your time today, and it was great to talk with you about the SAGE Certificate program that WGSS and the MSW program have put together. With your email confirming that it has no negative impacts on the Counselor Education program, I'll be able to take it back to UGPC.

Many thanks!

Nicole