

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE REFORM CERTIFICATE

The School of Education at Loyola University offer an online certificate in School Discipline Reform for professionals committed to serving their students and their communities by understanding, shaping, and implementing prevention-oriented approaches to school discipline. This part-time program is designed to equip education professionals—superintendents, principals, other school and district-level administrators, school attorneys, discipline deans, school psychologists, school social workers, counselors, and other educators—with the tools and skills needed to lead comprehensive initiatives to reduce the use of suspensions and expulsions and their adverse impacts on vulnerable students.

Related Programs

Doctoral

- School Psychology (PhD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/education/school-psychology-phd/>)

Combined

- School Psychology (MEd/EdS) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/dual-degree-programs/school-psychology-med-eds/>)

Curriculum

Students may obtain the online certificate by successfully completing the four (4) two-credit hour courses in one to two years.

Courses

The specific course sequencing will be tailored to each student in consultation with their academic advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
CIEP 535	System Consultation in School Discipline Reform	2
CIEP 537	School Discipline Reform: Linking Law Policy and Practice	2
CIEP 620	Legal Issues in School Discipline	2
CIEP 625	Restorative Justice in Schools	2
Total Hours		8

Required Anti-Racism Workshop

All students will begin the program with a required workshop in anti-racism (CIEP 571 School Discipline Workshop: Anti-Racism).

Required Immersion Seminar: Restorative Justice in Schools

Students are required to attend an intensive in-person seminar on Restorative Justice. The retreat offers students the opportunity to network with other professionals and engage in lively discussions and exercises related to the core principles and practices of restorative justice.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

Courses can be taken in any order with the exception that students start with CIEP 571 School Discipline Workshop: Anti-Racism and must take CIEP 537 School Discipline Reform: Linking Law Policy and

Practice in their final semester. Below is a suggestion, which can be adjusted based on student need and course offerings.

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
CIEP 571	School Discipline Workshop: Anti-Racism	0
CIEP 535	System Consultation in School Discipline Reform	2
CIEP 620	Legal Issues in School Discipline	2
Hours		4
Spring		
CIEP 537	School Discipline Reform: Linking Law Policy and Practice	2
CIEP 625	Restorative Justice in Schools	2
Hours		4
Total Hours		8

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

This certificate program equips participants to:

- Understand fundamental legal principles and law that guide school discipline practices
- Review and analyze school and district-level discipline data and conduct a root cause analysis
- Develop and conduct a needs assessment related to school discipline in their respective settings
- Plan, facilitate, and reflect on the effective restorative dialogue and a variety of proactive and responsive circles
- Apply the principles of restorative and anti-racist practices to address a challenge that their schools or districts are facing
- Demonstrate knowledge regarding a variety of research-based practices that can be implemented to prevent and respond to behavior within a framework of multi-tiered systems of support (e.g., universal/tier 1; secondary/tier 2 and tertiary/tier 3)
- Develop an action plan to implement prevention-oriented alternatives to exclusionary school discipline practices in their respective settings.