



Department of Educational Studies

Undergraduate Certificate in Educational Ethics and Social Justice

College of Education and Human Ecology
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Undergraduate Student Services
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This certificate is designed to help future teachers, educational leaders, policy-makers, and citizens to understand the ethics and values associated with education, to be ethical educators, and to be advocates for social justice. Ethical decision making in education requires not only an understanding of moral deliberation, but also a keen appreciation of the social context of schools. This program will situate students and schools within their political, economic, and historical backgrounds, exploring the complex relationships between schools and society, education and culture. To understand these relationships, the certificate will make use of the disciplines of history of education, philosophy of education, sociology and cultural studies. This program is for students who want to acquire, discover, and apply expert knowledge from these disciplines to address and resolve pressing problems in schooling in just and humane ways.

Upon completion of this certificate, students will be able to:

- recognize and resolve ethical conflicts in educational settings,
- justify and defend a set of aims and purposes of education in democratic societies,
- explain the historical experience and specific needs of diverse student populations, and apply that understanding to contemporary schooling,
- and advocate for ethical sensitivity in matters related to educational policy.

The academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology must approve the Certificate Program Form. The student must file the approved form with a college or school counselor. For further information about the certificate program, contact the college.

Part A – Required courses (3 credits):

- **ESPHE 4403** - Ethics and the Professional Context of Education (3 hrs)

Part B – Supporting courses (select 3)

- **ESPHE 3410** - Philosophy of Education (3 hrs)
- **ESPHE 4280** – History of Modern Education (3 hrs)
- **ESPHE 5540** – Philosophical Perspectives on Race, Education, and Citizenship (3 hrs)
- **ESPOL 3312** – Conflict, Power, and Voice in Public Education (3 hrs)
- **ESPHE 3206** – School and Society (3 hrs)

Eligible candidates

Any OSU student currently enrolled in an academic program is eligible to apply.

How to Apply

Potential candidates should complete the required application (go.osu.edu/ehecinfo).

Course Delivery

Course can be delivered in face-to-face, hybrid and online mode. For further information about course delivery in a specific semester, contact the department.

Credit hours required

A minimum of 12 credit hrs.

Transfer credit hours allowed

A maximum of 6. Overlap with the major allowed for 6 credit hours.

Completion of certificate

- Completion of all coursework, with at least 50% of the credit hours unique to the certificate and not used toward any other major, minor or certificate program.
- A cumulative graduate GPA of at least a 3.0

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