



How To Cultivate Equity-Mindedness On Campus

A Look at Northern Kentucky University's Training Curriculum

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Equity Work Requires a Holistic Understanding



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● **Campus Leaders' Beliefs**

Leaders, although well intentioned, must audit their unconscious bias. What is valued or believed from leadership regarding equity?

● **Campus Leaders' Actions**

Leaders must demonstrate these values and beliefs in their behavior, appearance, language and tone of voice.

● **Institutional Culture**

What are the shared values and ethics of the collective? How is this demonstrated in what people experience at your institution?

● **Systemic Oppression**

How does the socio-historical context influence the structures, social interactions, laws and norms at your institution?

Urgent Forces for Change



Institution-Wide Transformation Is Required



Mission Critical

Failing to make progress on racial justice harms students, faculty, staff, and communities



Financial Sustainability

Addressing racial inequity is a differentiator amid changing demographics and enrollment decisions



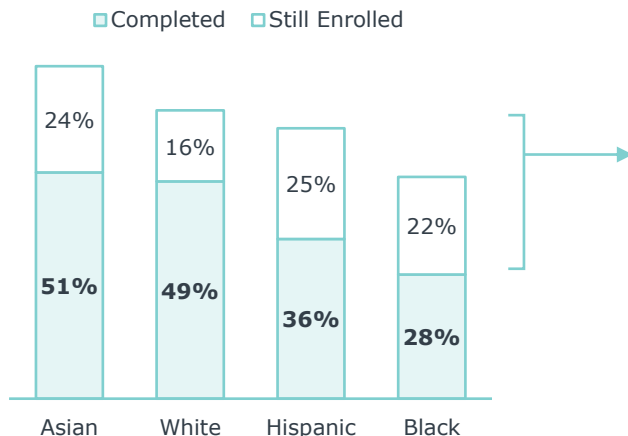
Current Climate

Failing to commit to racial justice progress now puts institutions at risk of being left behind

Equity Is Our Greatest Challenge... and Opportunity

Schools Must Address Systemic Racism to Be Competitive in the 2020s

Six-Year Outcomes¹ by Race and Ethnicity Students Starting at Two-Year Public Institutions, 2014



How Do Racial Inequities Manifest?

Societal

System of public policies and institutional practices that perpetuate racial inequality

Institutional

Structures, policies, and practices within organizations that allow inequities to persist

Interpersonal

Bias and racial discrimination expressed between individuals and groups

Personal

Personal beliefs, ideas, and prejudices internalized by individuals

Why We Must Act Now

Critical to **Institutional Mission**

Critical to **Institutional Reputation**

Critical to **Financial Sustainability**

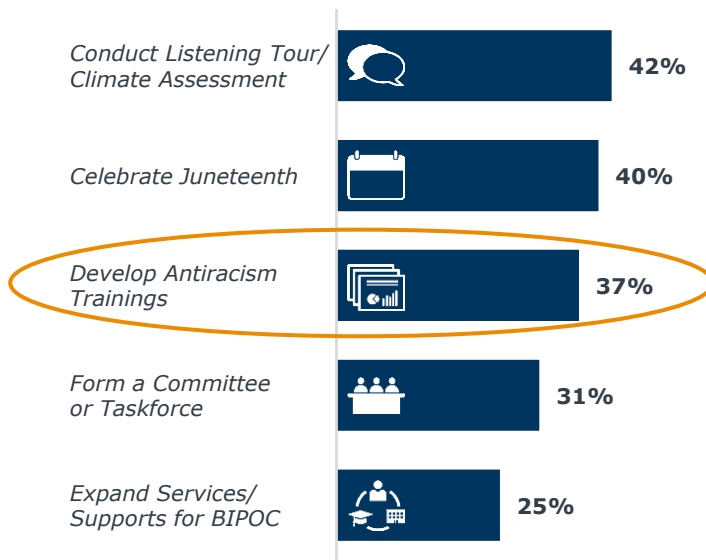
1) "Completion" means any degree at any institution.
"Still Enrolled" means still enrolled at any institution

Current Efforts Center on Low-resource Commitments

Institutional Statements Lack Interconnected Strategies

Commitments in Our Comfort Zone

Percentage of Statements with Action Items that Include Commitment to:



How to Make DEI Work This Time Around



Ensure Success By Investing in Continual Education Programming



Why Diversity Programs Fail

Forbes

This Is Why Diversity Training Programming Does Not Work

**INSIDE
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Don't Mistake Training for Education



What Colleges Should Consider Instead

- ✓ Use Trainings to Inform and Support New Processes, Policies, and Procedures
- ✓ Build Your Capacity to Create In-House PD and Expertise
- ✓ Monitor, Measure, and Share Results of DEI Progress and Strategy

PARTNER PROFILE

Northern Kentucky University

Background



Midsize comprehensive commuter university
Highland Heights, KY



11,868 undergraduate students
2,600 graduate students

Challenge

- Increasingly diverse student population
- Staff and faculty desire "student-ready" skillset

Opportunity

- Become student-centric
- Increase inclusivity on campus
- Increase the diversity of the student body
- Recruit diverse faculty and staff

Broadening Perspectives

Pilot Program with Diversity Office Evolves Into Cross-Campus Training

Master Advisor Training* *Professional Development Track*



— **Advisor of Distinction**

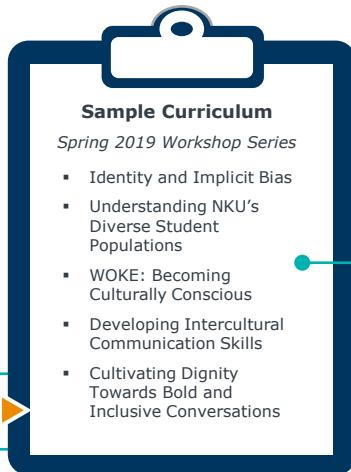
— **Senior Master Advisor**

— **Master Advisor**



Cultural Competency Distinction
Supplemental Certificate Training

*Recertification is required every three years.



Certification Requirements:

- 4** 90-minute expert-led workshops
- 1** NKU approved diversity-related experience
- 1** Personal reflection on the experience

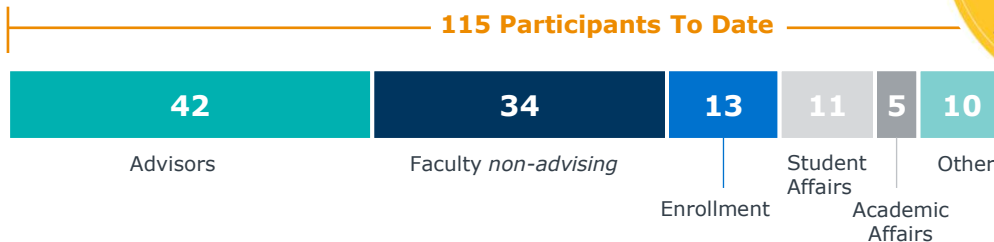
 Learn more about NKU's [Master Advisor Training](#)

In-House Experts Educate Colleagues



Training Attracts Faculty and Staff From Across the University

Cultural Competency Workshop Attendees, 2018 to present



Certificate Program Grows in Popularity

63%

Of attendees are from across the institution

50%

Growth in popularity over the previous year, 2018

100%

Attendee workshop satisfaction

100% Satisfaction, And a Desire for Further Dialogue

This was an inspiring way to dive deeper into personal reflection and dialogue about identity...

I hope to continue engaging in dialogue...

Attending the series was eye-opening

These sessions really had me thinking!

I hope...[to] grow each day into a better advocate and ally

I began to realize that it is way too easy to develop implicit bias

[T]his is a journey that I will continue to travel both within myself and with my community

I really enjoyed different perspectives on these sessions!"

I have already implemented suggestions given during the workshops

I was unfamiliar with equity versus inequality

This...gave rise to a deeper personal reflection and questioning regarding my own teaching and testing practices...

Our society is ever changing; therefore, our knowledge of cultural competence should change with it

Being more aware of all aspects of person's identity helps me as an advisor better navigate how I interact with student

- 1 Identify Skill Gaps Among Staff
- 2 Garner Support from Campus Leadership & Experts
- 3 Expand Upon Prior Learning to Further Equity Efforts
- 4 Provide Continuing Equity Education to Foster Ongoing Conversations

Identify Skill Gaps Among Staff



Where Across Our Students Journey Do, They Encounter Resistance?

Investigate Your Student Data

Enrollment, Retention, and Persistence

Major/course progression

High impact practices (HIPS) participation

Support Services

Utilization analysis

Post advising/support office evaluations

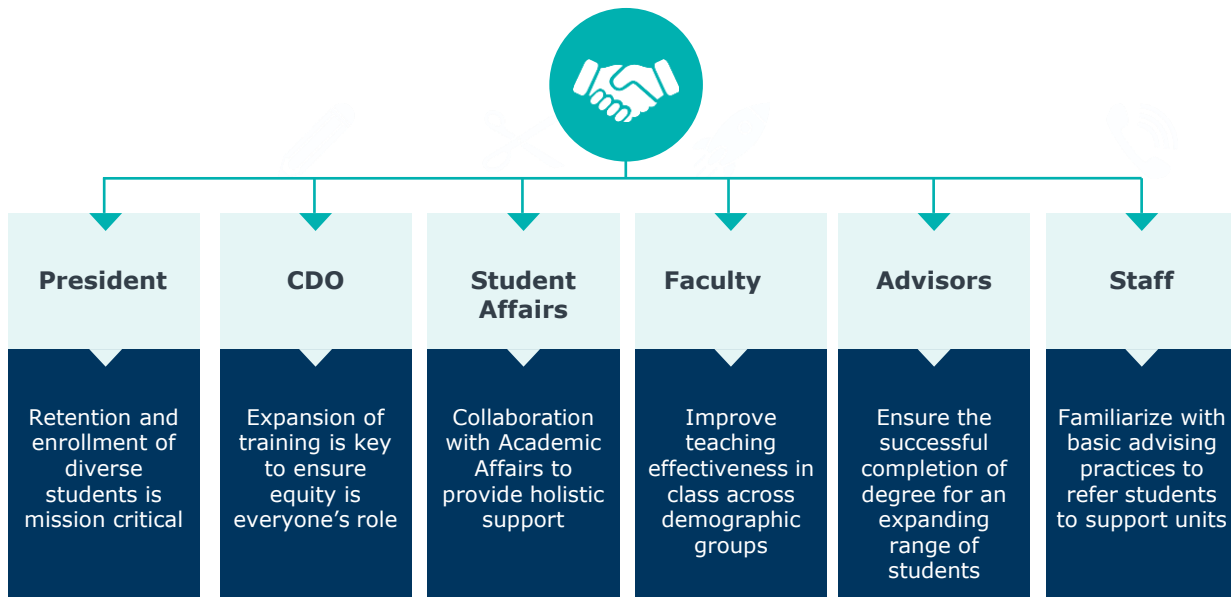
Classroom Evaluations

Course grading analysis

Student feedback

Garner Support From Campus Leaders

Student Success is Everyone's Mission, and Equity is the Key



Expand Upon Prior Trainings To Further Equity



NKU's Content Moves from Individual Awareness to Institutional Action

Consult and enlist the help of campus experts

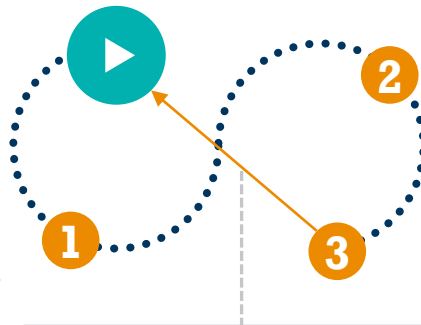
CDO, faculty, or community-based organizations

Determine concepts, frames, and tools

e.g., dignity, implicit bias, intersectionality, and micro resistance

Map skill gaps to relevant content

Utilize feedback from campus surveys, and other data available on campus



Evaluate feedback and revise curriculum to reflect need

Use a diverse group of workshop presenters

Share and showcase in-house expertise across Social Work, Sociology, Student Affairs, Counseling, and Wellness, and other areas

Provide Ongoing Equity Education

Offer sessions during
Fall and Spring terms

Update topics to address
evolving campus needs

Provide multiple ways for
colleagues to participate

MASTER ADVISOR PROGRAM Spring 2019

Cultural Competence in Advising Workshop Series

CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN ADVISING SERIES

Back by popular demand! This spring, the Master Advisor Program in Nurse Advising and the Office of Inclusive Excellence will offer another opportunity to earn Master Advisor Certification or Re-Certification with a special distinction in cultural competence. During the spring semester, a 6-part series will be offered for any advisor, faculty, or staff member interested in learning more about cultural competence and its relation to advising practices.

Individuals who attend 4 or more of the 6 workshops and attend a diversity-related experience,* (see notes below) can obtain Master Advisor Certification[®] or Re-Certification, and their certificate will include a special distinction in cultural competence.

Identity, Implicit Bias, and How it Impacts Advising

January 30th 3:00PM-4:30PM in SU 109

Facilitated by Kathleen Roberts and Frank Robinson

As a background for this workshop, individuals should view the TED Talk: "The Danger of a single story" by Chimamanda Ngozi. This workshop will provide personal insight to our own story, implicit bias, and help us understand cultural identity.

Understanding NKU's Diverse Student Populations

February 7th 2:00PM-4:30PM in UC 375 (UC Ballroom)

Panelists: Dannie Moore, Bonnie Meyer, Cindy Knox, Leo Calderon, François Le Roy, Carlos Yates, & Lori Wright

This workshop will provide attendees with more information about NKU resources and supporting units that serve various diverse populations of students on campus. Learning outcomes include intersectionality, and understanding the unique needs of our students to assist our offices towards becoming more inclusive.

Developing Intercultural Communication Skills

February 13th 3:00PM-4:30PM in UC 135

Facilitated by Lewis McNeal and Kathleen Roberts

This discussion will help advisors become more equipped to begin dialogues in advising practice with individuals of other cultures and backgrounds, and to sharpen active communication skills to enhance student conversations.

Woke: Becoming Culturally Conscious

February 21st 2:00PM-4:30PM in UC 135

Facilitated by Brandelyn Tosolt

This interactive workshop compliments the series by allowing space for dialogue around concepts introduced in past sessions, discuss the psychological phenomenon that contributes to our biases, as well as equipping individuals to be more conscious and aware of issues such as power, privilege, and stereotype threats.

Cultivating Dignity Towards Bold & Inclusive Conversations

March 1st 3:00PM-4:30PM in SU 109

Facilitated by Kathleen Roberts & Frank Robinson

Supported by the book, "We Can't Talk about that at Work" by Mary-Frances Winters, this interactive workshop will provide tools that will give you the courage and confidence to engage in challenging conversations with others about race, religion, politics, and other bold topics.

Unpacking Cultural Competence Workshop

March 6th 3:00PM-4:30PM in SU 108

Facilitated by Frank Robinson and Judy Voelker

This final workshop in the series will provide case studies around previously developed concepts to allow practical application opportunity for attendees, introduce inclusive habits, and strategy for how to reinforce inclusiveness in our daily practices while serving a diverse population of students.

*Important Notes:

- To obtain certification or re-certification with Distinction in Cultural Competence, a final "diversity related experience" will be required for those seeking this distinction.
 - Attend one program around diversity initiatives. This can be at NKU or in the community.
 - Write a personal reflection for submission to the Master Advisor Committee regarding what you learned from the workshop series and program (*at NKU or approved community program)
- New individuals obtaining certification must still attend the 2 day Master Advisor Seminar
- If you attended any of these workshops in the fall, they can count towards the 4 workshops needed for completion. Contact Megan LaDow (ladowm1@nku.edu) if you need to verify which workshops you previously attended.

Learn more

[Cultural Competence Education Series](#)

Moving Beyond Initial Opportunity and Adapting to New Needs



Cultural Competency Curriculum

Informed by newly-created diversity goals, this year-round curriculum will be designed for the entire campus community



Data-Informed Discussions

Leveraging quantitative and qualitative data on students, faculty and staff can use practical concepts & tools in their daily interactions



Self Guide to DEI Training

Building out an implementation guide for their campus & others highlighting their process and steps to move forward



Moon Shot for Equity

- Created a foundation for the future work of Moon Shot
- Practices will inform future curriculum offerings
- Harness the campus knowledge from prior year to drive progress and culture change on campus

Moon Shot For Equity | 15 Best Practices



Coordinated Work Inside Institutions and Across Regions



Strategy and Operations

- Leverage technology for timely and equitable support
- Audit holds and revise institutional policies
- Offer retention grants and revise financial aid strategy
- Provide coordinated care across departments

Campus Climate

- Conduct climate assessments and analyze data to inform and reform initiatives

Faculty and Staff

- Train leaders in effective change management
- Provide equity-focused professional development

Institutional Culture

- Foster student belongingness

Student Enrollment

- Revise admission and testing policies

Curricular & Co-Curricular Experiences

- Align math requirements
- Use meta-majors
- Create transfer pathways
- Offer college-level gateway courses
- Create academic degree maps

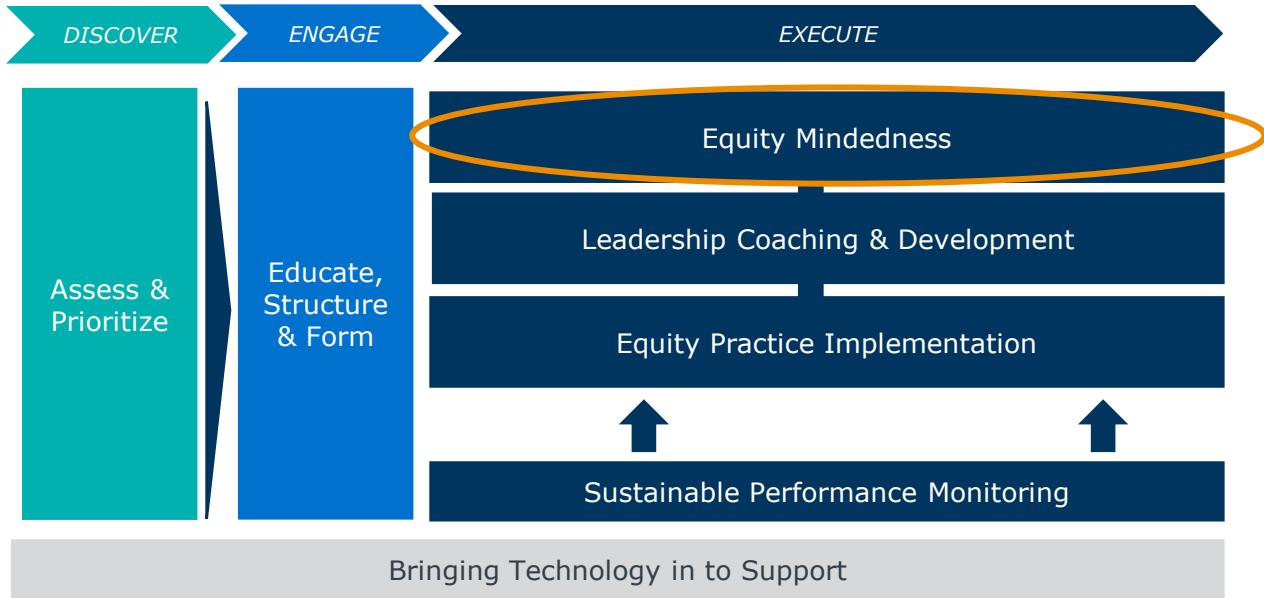
Community Partnerships

- Form and strengthen relationships with CBOs to diversify efforts
- Offer pathways for adult learners

Building Infrastructure for Successful Execution



Our Initial Project Phases



----- Leveraging Variety of "Resources" -----

EAB Toolkits/Playbooks
EAB Experts

EAB Technology Support
EAB Research Examples

Community Advisory
Institutional Experts

National Mentors
Convenings



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