

## **Future Professoriate Certificate**

The Future Professoriate Program aims to prepare future faculty and academic leaders by exposure to concepts that break the mold of existing practices in higher education. Many leaders in the academic and business communities have recently challenged colleges and universities to embrace change in order to ensure the viability of the higher education enterprise. Rather than settle for the status quo and witness a probable decline in sustainability, most argue that it is time to create new models and new methods of training for the future professoriate, who will become the faculty and academic leaders of tomorrow.

The Future Professoriate Certificate is part of the overarching theme "Transformative Graduate Education", or TGE. Interconnecting components all serve to better prepare the next generation professoriate or professional. Graduate students wishing to earn the graduate certificate in Future Professoriate must be currently enrolled master's or doctoral students in any discipline or major. These individuals must have satisfied all admissions requirements to be admitted and must remain in good academic standing.

Graduate students can earn the Future Professoriate graduate certificate and can be recognized as a Citizen Scholar or elected as a member of the graduate honorary society, Alpha Epsilon Lambda (AEL). Leadership opportunities as GLC Resident Fellows and Graduate Ambassadors and through graduate student organizations are also available.

In order to qualify for the Future Professoriate graduate certificate, students must successfully complete GRAD 5104: Preparing the Future Professoriate and GRAD 5114: Contemporary Pedagogy. These courses satisfy 6 of the 9 credits required for the certificate. The following courses can be taken to satisfy the additional 3 credits:

- GRAD 5004: GTA workshop
- GRAD 5954: Study Abroad Future Professoriate Global Perspectives
- GRAD 5204: Citizen Scholar Seminar

Other individually approved Special Study, Independent Study or Internship graduate courses Selected graduate courses taught by departments (e.g., Engineering Education, School of Education, Sociology, Human Development) may also be used. Please contact Dean Karen P. DePauw regarding specific requirements for the graduate certificate.