

CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE GOALS

Aligning our goals with those of CPA and APA, the committee meets monthly to discuss guidelines in multicultural competence in clinical work, methods to enhance multicultural competence for students, early career and seasoned psychologists, and develop initiatives that benefit the communities we represent directly. The Committee upholds a social justice perspective within the didactics, resources, professional development, and community outreach we provide. The Committee strives to educate professionals in order to enhance cultural understanding and unique issues related to diversity. By providing ongoing didactics, professional development, mentorship, and consultation opportunities, and by collaborating with other organizations on a local, state and national level, the Committee and its members strive to reach its goals for the better good of all.

The Cultural Diversity Committee must be centered in accordance with APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists, General Principle E which states, "Psychologists are **aware of** and **respect** cultural, individual, and role differences, including those based on age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, and social economical status, and consider these factors when working with members of such groups." In addition, it should fulfill the SDPA committee goal to provide leadership and quality service to out members and community. This can be accomplished through our dedication to information, education and training.