The certificate programs in InterGroup Dialogue and Interactive Theater provide students with opportunities to develop specific skills and practice in these areas, specifically to address issues of incivility and injustice on campus and in the community. Students complete 4 courses in each area – 3 of which are combined courses where students working towards both certificates are in the classroom together. Students also complete a capstone course, where they integrate their academic and praxis work into an original project.

In the courses for the certificate, students encounter both academic and practical knowledge to empower them to respectfully engage issues of social justice on and off campus. Students will have the opportunity to participate in dialogues and theater experiences on campus with peers, as well as off-campus with local schools and other groups. Students work closely with the Ethnic Studies faculty who oversee the program.

The skills learned through the certificate program will enhance any major that a student chooses and will prepare them to be leaders in whatever field they choose to work in or study after Saint Mary’s. This certificate program might especially work well with majors of psychology, sociology, business, anthropology, and liberal and civic studies.

Courses to be completed:

1) Ethnic Studies 50 – Creating Community
2) Ethnic Studies 150 – Advanced Interactive Theater OR Ethnic Studies 155 – Advanced Intergroup Dialogue – Peer Facilitator Training
3) Ethnic Studies 157 – Praxis in Interactive Theater/InterGroup Dialogue
4) Ethnic Studies 159 – Capstone course (final original project)