

Tapestry Institute for Cultural Competence 2015-2016

Succeeding in a diverse, multilingual, international and multigenerational workplace, like Montgomery College, requires on-going cultivation of cultural competence. In addition to work ethic and technical or professional expertise, cultural competence is an essential job skill. There's no stopping place when each student, co-worker and visitor continues to add to the College's extraordinary diversity; there's always more to learn to foster co-worker productivity and student attainment.

The Tapestry Institute learning community is both secure and challenging. Participants, facilitators and occasional visitors bring diversity into the room. Each session provides practice in critical 21st century skills: deep listening, critical thinking, respectful inquiry, cross-cultural courtesy, awareness of assumptions and world-view, problem solving, dialogue and standing up for inclusion.

Wednesdays at 8:45 AM – 4:15 PM in 40 WG, 115	Class	Facilitator
November 4	Orientation	Laura White
November 18	Dialogue Practices	Denise Woods
December 2	Teamwork in the International Workforce	Delora Shedrick
January 27	Cross-Cultural Courtesy 101	Marcella Simon Peralta
February 17	Cultural Competence in the 21st Century	Juan Jose Callejas
March 23	Evolution of Inclusion Initiatives	Angela Washington
April 6	Multicultural History of the U.S.	Ellen Olmstead
April 27	Globalization and International Perspectives	TBD
May 11	Learning Presentations & Graduation	Laura White
May 25	<i>Makeup Date for any class that could not be held</i>	<i>N/A</i>