Navajo Cultural Arts Certificate
Center for Diné Studies
Application Deadline: January 5th, 2016

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Information:
The Navajo Cultural Arts (NCA) Certificate Program intends to enhance and revitalize traditional Navajo cultural arts practices while providing opportunities for Navajo cultural arts knowledge holders and master artisans to share their unique skills in a multigenerational setting.

Eligibility:
Must be an enrolled Diné College student.

Certificate Requirements:
Throughout this 21-credit hour certificate program students will complete the following program requirements:

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<th>2016 Spring Semester (12 credit hours)</th>
<th>2016 Summer Session (9 credit hours)</th>
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<td>Core Classes: 9 credit hours</td>
<td>Core Classes: 6 credit hours</td>
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<td>NIS 129 Navajo Cultural Arts Selling Practices</td>
<td>NIS 185 Navajo Cultural Business System</td>
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<td>NIS 132 Navajo Arts Material and Resources</td>
<td>NIS 197 Navajo Cultural Arts Practicum</td>
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<td>NIS 134 Navajo Arts and Philosophy</td>
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<td>Cultural Arts Emphasis (Choose One): 3 credit hours</td>
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<td>NIS 103 Navajo Weaving I</td>
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<td>NIS 108 Navajo Silversmithing I</td>
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Program Incentives:
Exhibiting Experience

- Paid travel to local and regional cultural arts festivals and events
- Participation in the planned NCA Traveling Exhibit
- Opportunity to exhibit artwork in the Diné College Museum

Access to Arts Education

- Priority access to cultural arts demonstrations and workshops
- Access to radiobroadcast interviews from NCA faculty
- Opportunity to attend Navajo master artisans lectures

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Required Documents:

1. Signed Application Cover Form
   Complete, sign, and submit the Application Cover Form with your application packet

2. Letter of Intent (250 words)
   Please explain to the selection committee why Navajo cultural arts are important to you and what you intend to do with the knowledge gained through this certificate program?

3. Cultural Arts Self-Assessment (may be in 1-page resume or 250 word narrative format)
   What Navajo cultural arts experience do you have? Have you exhibited at any shows? If yes, where? Has any of your work received formal recognition? If so, what awards have you received?

4. Letter of Recommendation
   Provide a letter of recommendation from one of the following individuals who is familiar with your desire to learn more about Navajo Cultural Arts: a Navajo Artist, an Academic Professional, or a Community Member

Submission of Application Packet:
All paperwork must be submitted to the Center for Diné Studies (CDS) by 5:00pm (MST) on January 5th, 2016. Packets will be accepted either in person or via mail, fax, or email. Mailed application packets must be received no later than January 5th, 2016 to be considered.

Physical address: 5th floor Ned Hatathli Center, Diné College, Tsaile, Arizona 86556
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Selection of NCA Cohort:
Applications will be reviewed by the selection committee on January 6th, 2016. Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance the same day via phone and email.

Admitted Students:
Successful applicants will be expected to register for classes January 7th or 8th, 2016 during on-site registration. Advisors, financial aid officers, and CDS faculty members will be available to facilitate the registration process. Classes commence January 11th, 2016 and an orientation will be scheduled for the NCA cohort during the first week of classes. NCA students assume financial responsibility for the completion of this certificate program, including confirmation that scholarships will cover their tuition costs. There will be an exemption of Technology Fees and Activities Fees for NCA students. Additionally, this cohort will be exempt from placement testing for English, Math and Reading skills.

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APPLICATION COVER FORM
(Include this cover form as your initial page to your application)

Personal Data:
Name: _____________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________

Street/P.O. Box  City  State  Zip Code
Email: ___________________________  Phone: ___________________________

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female  Date of Birth: ____/____/____  Chapter Affiliation: __________

Artist Background:
Navajo Cultural Arts Emphasis (Please choose one):  ☐ Weaving ☐ Silversmithing
Experience (Please choose one):  ☐ Novice ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced
Previous Navajo Cultural Arts classes taken at Diné College:  ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please list classes: _________________________________________________________________________________

Family Members with Navajo cultural arts experience:  ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please list which cultural arts: _________________________________________________________________________________

Required Documents:
Please check off all items included in your application packet:

_____ 1. Signed Application Cover Form
_____ 2. Letter of Intent (250 words)
_____ 3. Cultural Arts Self-Assessment (1-page Resume or Narrative format)
_____ 4. Letter of Recommendation from one of the following:

☐ Navajo Artist  ☐ Academic Professional  ☐ Community Member

Signature:
I certify that all information given in this application is complete and accurate. If admitted to the Navajo Cultural Arts Certificate Program, I agree to abide by the established rules and regulations of Diné College and the Center for Diné Studies.

__________________________________________  __________________________________________
Student Signature  Date

For CDS use only:
Date application was received:  ____/____/____  Application:  ____Accepted  ____ Denied
Date applicant was contacted:  ____/____/____  Applicant:  ____Accepted  ____ Denied
Date applicant registered for classes:  ____/____/____