Women in Leadership Certificate Program

Franklin Pierce University

The Franklin Pierce Difference

The academic program and co-curricular offerings present opportunities for comprehensive engagement with the theme of women in leadership. Students will:

• Foster new ways of thinking about leadership
• Learn best practices in leadership
• Develop confidence and ability to publicly express ideas and values
• Become intentional and responsible learners and leaders through women-centered internships and self-created social action projects
• Cultivate leadership skills -- including negotiating, assertiveness, balancing, prioritizing -- through study and practice

“The Women in Leadership Certificate program at Franklin Pierce University not only inspired me to reach beyond what I had originally viewed as my own personal limitations, but it also taught me to view the world through a new lens that focuses on the impact of gender and sexuality in culture. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities that this program provided.”

Gabrielle Aufiero ’10

Women in Leadership alumna Kristen Costa received her Master of Arts degree in Public Humanities from Brown University in 2007, where she was a Teaching Assistant for courses in City Politics and American Popular Culture. Kristen is Assistant Curator at the Newport Restoration Foundation, Newport, R.I. responsible for research and interpretation of object collection at Rough Point, Doris Duke’s Newport mansion, Samuel Whitehorne House, a Federal style mansion and museum of Newport furniture, and Prescott Farm, a colonial history site.

Highlights

Franklin Pierce University’s Women in Leadership Certificate Program is looking for students who want to:

• Break through social, economic and political barriers for women and girls
• Find their voices and leadership styles
• Study the history of women’s activism for equity
• Maintain a keen professional focus while engaging curriculum where the liberal arts and gender intersect
• Turn their interests in social justice into skills they can use to help women solve real world problems
• Work with a group of students and faculty in a small, liberal-arts university setting
• Solve problems in order to change the world for the better for women and girls
The Women in Leadership program credentials students as theoretically and materially knowledgeable in women’s and gender issues, opening up opportunities in leadership positions and complementing professional qualifications in fields including: education, law, social services, cultural anthropology, counseling and social work, business, health, public administration, public relations, archaeology, sports and recreation, criminal justice, journalism, community development, and politics. Our program enables students to develop the skills necessary to lead with a global community in mind.

**Co-Curricular Opportunities**

**Internships**
- Vagina Monologues
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Campaign
- Equity Pay Day
- International Women’s Day
- Feminist Book Group
- Feminist Speaking and Writing Contest
- Take Back the Night
- Glamour Magazine contest
- Newsflush – the monthly publication of the WL program

**Requirements**

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<td>Introduction to Women’s Studies</td>
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<td>WL490</td>
<td>Women in Leadership Seminar Internship</td>
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**Leadership Associates**

Judge Denise Meagher  
*Associate Justice: Probate and Family Court, Worcester, Massachusetts*

Dr. Kim Mooney  
*Provost and Vice President, Franklin Pierce University*

Jodi Williams  
*Nobel Laureate for Peace, Campaign Ambassador*  
– *International Campaign to Ban Landmines*

**Internships**

Our WL candidates have done internships with Girl Scouts of America, Stop & Shop’s Pea Pod, Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention, Manchester Wolves, Anti-bullying programs, International Order of the Rainbow, Antrim Girls’ Shelter, NH Citizens Alliance, Pierce Arrow (restaurant reviewer), New England Center for Civic Life and the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript.

**Student Success**

“Because they are asked to participate actively in an array of activities, students who have taken Introduction to Women’s Studies tell me they have become more confident with expressing their ideas in other courses. And because these students are more aware of the role gender plays in society, they are more likely to challenge stereotypes and think critically. What once had seemed like solely personal concerns are now understood within a more public — and more complex — context.”

Joni Doherty, Director New England Center for Civic Life

“The program has enhanced my awareness of the issues currently facing women and has given me a new lens to examine my own field of history.”

Nefret Salzberg, class of 2011

“The leadership qualities I have learned in the program directly apply to different aspects of education, life, and open minded thinking, which all come with a liberal arts foundation of teaching and learning.”

Abbie Tumbleson, class of 2010

The Academic Catalog can be viewed online at www.franklinpierce.edu/catalog. Copies are also available through the Admissions Office.

For more information or to arrange a campus visit, contact the Admissions Office at 800.437.0048.