

Proposal for Immigration Certificate Program – June 24, 2024 8:30am - 4:30pm

- Overview of the Immigration Legal System (90 minutes)
 - Speaker: Kathleen Gasparian, Esq. and Leah Spivey, Esq.
 - Topics covered: This seminar will cover the basics of the immigration system and an overview of the different types of visas.
- Immigration Psychological Evaluations (90 minutes)
 - Proposed speaker: Cecilia Racine, LCSW
 - Topics covered: How to conduct a persuasive and compelling evaluation for people seeking relief under asylum guidelines.
- Social Workers as Department of Justice Accredited Representatives (90 minutes)
 - Proposed speaker: Michele Pistone, Esq., Representative from Villanova University VIISTA program
 - Topics covered: Information learned in the VIISTA and how people like social workers can become DOJ accredited representatives/advocates for people going through the immigration process.
- Context of Migration from Central America and Mexico and Implications for Mental Health and Trauma (60 minutes)
 - Proposed speaker: Mary Held, Ph.D., LCSW
 - Topics covered: This presentation will cover the context and factors leading to migration from Central America and Mexico and the implications for mental health and trauma.
- Wrap up (30 minutes)