

Benefits of Culturally Appropriate Instruction

- Increases participation in a program. Individuals are more likely to participate and to attend future programs if they feel that the material taught was valuable and meaningful to them.
- Increases interest in a topic. The attention span is extended when information is taught via the learner's preferred learning style.
- Enhances learning of the subjects taught. There is an increase in knowledge of the subject taught when learners receive education in a way they can readily process and understand.
- Shows respect for their culture. Developing teaching strategies that take into account preferred cultural learning styles demonstrates a true commitment to education and respect for the culture. It takes the emphasis away from the educator (what the educator likes to do, his/her preferences) and focuses on what will enhance learning.
- Shows commitment to planning programs for a diverse audience. Takes cultural diversity from an occasional thought to a natural, ongoing part of the planned learning process.