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Potential applicants often wonder how we apply the knowledge we've gained in the SCAE program after graduation. Our program is designed to help students better understand social justice issues in a variety of educational contexts. Graduates pursue a wide array of themes in the program, and apply what they've learned in diverse professional fields such as social work, community development, higher education, K-12 teaching, or in pursuing further study.

In this video, we'll share how SCAE coursework has enriched the professional and academic development of graduates.

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The program prepares graduates to continue in the field of education by providing us with an in-depth understanding of the forces that influence how diverse groups of people experience their educational environments. Graduates develop an understanding of the history of injustices in the educational system, both locally and abroad, as well as the stakeholders who benefit from these injustices. The coursework often provides a way to name processes we've known to be happening for a long time. Many alumni have found this knowledge to be a tool for challenging oppressive practices in their professional sites, as well as in their personal lives and broader spheres of influence.

Additionally, the SCAE program provides graduates a vision of education for liberation. We focus on agency and hope. Graduates who wish to work directly with K-12 or higher education students discover and develop ways to implement strategies that challenge oppressive practices and assist students in developing agency.

For graduates who go into community based work and social justice organizations, the program provides a foundation for developing and designing programs *with* the people, not *for* the people. The program emphasizes critical pedagogies, drawing upon key educators such as Paulo Freire and bell hooks, as well as many other critical pedagogues. Our critical lenses guide us in developing community organizations driven by the voices of people who have been marginalized.

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The SCAE program also places value on preparing graduates to continue their education in credential or doctoral programs. We leave the program with considerable experience in scholarly inquiry and academic writing. Additionally, students have many opportunities to network with professors in doctoral and credential programs through thesis work, academic conferences, and research.

As you can see, the SCAE program provides the opportunity for graduates to apply what they've learned and experienced in the program to a wide variety of fields. To learn more from the voices of current students and graduates themselves, check out the

profiles on our program website. We hope this information was useful and we wish you the best in your studies!