

## TAKE THIS COURSE

**AFRA 205-010** – Contemporary African American Issues: *Problems and Challenges Facing Education.*

**AND**

**BECOME A SOLUTION** for the problems and challenges facing education

Offered during the Summer Block



Dare to be first.

### **Problems and Solutions in Education**

Educators and stakeholders have long believed education is the path toward breaking the cycle of systemic racism. Although progress has been made in many school districts and post-secondary institutions, there is still a lot of work to be done. This course will explore major **problems and challenges in education including Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)** from early learning to graduate school and the programs, policies, and practices that address them. In this course, your focus will be on solutions to the problems and challenges facing education

We will examine from the perspectives of all the stakeholders how DEI play a major role in education and assessing student outcomes.

We will research and discuss how DEI affect every major topic in education reform, such as classroom size, online learning, school discipline, the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism in education, social moments, college affordability (concerns over college tuition and student debt), poverty, family dynamics,

technology, teacher quality, funding, legislative policies, Title IX and Sex Discrimination, hate crimes, and other relevant concerns.

In the end, students taking this course will have gained insight from evidence-based solutions put forth by local and national educational leaders who have demonstrated best practices in their fields. Students will have a unique opportunity to be an important part of the solution for transformational change in education.

This course is designed to facilitate problem solving by using creative and critical thinking skills in order to foster a culture of innovation that produces creative initiatives for ready implementation in the educational field.

*Dear Professor Washington,*

*I am writing to you because I took your "BAMS 205-010: Problems and Challenges Facing Education in Public Schools" during the summer, during my final solution project I focused on building a charter school called "Diamonds in the Rough Academy for Girls of Color" while honing in on the systemic injustices faced by girls of color that hinder them from achieving educational success. Through that project, I developed a research interest in gender, race, delinquency, and education to further study issues that hinder girls of color in the educational system to further continue some of the topics that I discussed in my final solution project.*

*During my time in your class, I feel that your teachings in institutional and systematic issues that are facing students of color has led me to want to further pursue research in this area of interest, in the hope of finding a solution that could close the gap among students of color. T.E.*