**Definition of Diversity**

Diversity is the acknowledgement of and respect for individual difference as it relates to various contextual factors among individuals, couples, and families. Some of these contextual factors include age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, color, national origin, geographic location, class, socioeconomic status, marital status, religious affiliation, spiritual beliefs, sexual orientation, health status, immigration status, language, political beliefs, and disability status, among others. Diversity is an intentional practice of understanding, embracing, and celebrating the unique dimensions of humans worldwide.