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College Advising Learning Lab

September 4 -
November 15, 2023



What is the College Advising Learning Lab?

Helping students take action and make tough education decisions that impact their future is a daunting task. Completing college applications, securing financial aid, and deciding which college to attend are all major steps for a student - steps in which GEAR UP advisors play a pivotal support role.

In the College Advising Learning Lab, participants will explore ways to support students effectively throughout the college-going process. With a blend of interactive online content and live virtual sessions, learners can expect to gain actionable tools and engage in peer-learning to explore strategies for success.

COST: \$799 - NCCEP members
\$2,499 - non-members

Who is it for?

GEAR UP professionals who:

- Work with high school students
- Support students with researching college and other postsecondary options based on fit
- Support students to make college attendance decisions
- Provide direct student services
- Have the support of their supervisor

What will you accomplish?

Participants will:

- Gain strategies and techniques to help students get to college.
- Build a national network to aid learning and development.
- Create tools to use with students to identify and attend the right college for their needs.

Program Features & Requirements

During the College Advising Learning Lab, participants can expect to spend 2-4 hours each week completing online courses and/or participating in a live virtual session. To demonstrate what they have learned, participants will submit a completed Participant Guide as their final project.

ONLINE COURSES*

To become familiar with specific college advising strategies, participants will complete 5 online courses on their own. These include topics on college fit factors, admissibility, affordability, applications financial aid, and decision-making. One optional course on college essays will be offered.

FINAL PROJECT*

As participants complete online courses, they will engage in exercises to practice what they are learning via a Participant Guide. At the end of the Learning Lab, participants will submit their completed Participant Guide and a reflection as evidence of what they learned and how they will use it.

LIVE VIRTUAL SESSIONS*

Every other week, participants will meet with each other to discuss what they learned while taking the most recent course. Instructors will guide activities to deepen learning and reinforce concepts. Participants will strategize how to put what they learned into action. After each call, instructors will stay on for 30-minutes of optional Office Hours. The first and last calls are required, and three of the four other calls are required.

NETWORKING

The cohort gets a space to network. This includes touchpoints to connect with one another, opportunities aligned to other NCCEP/GEAR UP programs, and a place for participants to connect with each other.

*REQUIRED

To receive a *Certificate of Completion*, participants must complete these program requirements. If a participant fulfills some of the program requirements, they will receive a *Certificate of Participation*. If a participant fulfills no program requirements, they will not receive a certificate.

Program Dates & Topics

Week	Topic	To Do
Week 1 Sep 4-8 <i>Live Virtual Session</i> Sep 6, 2:00 PM ET	Introduction to the College Advising Learning Lab Introduction to College Lists	Watch Intro Video Attend Live Virtual Session 1 Begin Course 1
Week 2 Sep 11-15	Fit Factors & Admissibility	Complete Course 1
Week 3 Sep 18-22 <i>Live Virtual Session</i> Sep 20, 2:00 PM ET	College Lists	Attend Live Virtual Session 2
Week 4 Sep 25-29	Affordability	Complete Course 2
Week 5 Oct 2-6 <i>Live Virtual Session</i> Oct 4, 2:00 PM ET	Affordability	Attend Live Virtual Session 3
Week 6 Oct 9-13	Optional: College Essays Applications	Optional: Complete Course 3 Complete Course 4
Week 7 Oct 16-20 <i>Live Virtual Session</i> Oct 18, 2:00 PM ET	Applications	Attend Live Virtual Session 4
Week 8 Oct 23-27	Financial Aid	Complete Course 5
Week 9 Oct 30-Nov 3 <i>Live Virtual Session</i> Nov 1, 2:00 PM ET	Financial Aid	Attend Live Virtual Session 5
Week 10 Nov 6-10	School Decision-Making	Complete Course 6
Week 11 Nov 13-15 <i>Live Virtual Session</i> Nov 15, 2:00 PM ET	Decision-Making & Closing	Attend Live Virtual Session 6

*Virtual Sessions take place on
Wednesdays at 2:00 PM ET*

Why Join?

In the College Advising Learning Lab, GEAR UP advisors will learn strategies and techniques to help students select the college that fits their needs.

Participants will start with how to build strong college lists with students that align to fit factors, admissibility, and affordability. Then, the cohort will dive into the application and financial aid processes.

To bring it all together, participants will explore strategies to guide a student through the decision-making process to select the ideal college.

You'll walk away with researched-based*, actionable tools you can use. You'll also learn from peers and find strategies that work in your GEAR UP program.

**Bottom Line Reviewed Research (2021). What Works Clearinghouse, Institute of Education Sciences*

“My greatest takeaway is feeling more confident in my job and supporting students along their path to higher education.”



Learn More

Contact Katie Hill at katie_hill@edpartnerships.org for questions or more information.

Apply

To apply, [click here](#) and fill out the application by August 17, 2023.

Please note that supervisor approval is required and the fee must be paid by September 7, 2023.