College Success Learning Lab

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What is it?

The **College Success Learning Lab** is a cohort-based professional development program for the GEAR UP community that combines online courses with facilitated live virtual sessions.

Over eleven weeks, participants will learn strategies and techniques to help students thrive in the first year of college, setting them up to successfully complete a college degree.

KEY TOPICS

- How to work toward a degree in a timely manner.
- How to navigate employability and financial aid.
- How to handle situations that students may be facing for the first time.

Participants will walk away with an understanding of the GEAR UP College Advising Framework and Bottom Line's DEAL Model for college success.

Who is it for?

GEAR UP professionals who:

- Work with late high school students or college freshman.
- Advise students on college success topics like academics and finances.
- Provide direct student services.
- Have the support of their supervisor.

LEARNING LAB GOALS

- Gain strategies and techniques to help students succeed in college.
- Build a national network to aid in learning and development.
- Create tools to advise students to and through the first year of college.

SPRING 2024 DATES & COST

March 18 - May 31, 2024

$1,000 - NCCEP members
$4,400 - non-members

Program Features & Requirements

College Success Learning Lab participants should plan to dedicate approximately 2 - 4 hours per week completing online courses and/or participating in a live virtual session.

ONLINE COURSES

To become familiar with specific college advising strategies, participants will complete five courses. Topics include the GEAR UP College Advising Framework, Transitions, Degree, Employability, Affordability, and Life. Each course includes a brief assessment to ensure knowledge is gained.

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Participants will meet to discuss what they learned while taking the most recent course and how to put it into action. Instructors will guide activities to deepen learning and reinforce concepts. After each call, instructors will stay on for 30 minutes of optional Office Hours.

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.

To receive a Certificate of Completion, participants must:

- Complete and pass assessments for all courses.
- Participate in five of six virtual sessions, including Call #1 and Call #6,
- Submit the final project: the completed Participant Guide.

If a participant is unable to fulfill all of the program requirements, they will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Dates and Topics

Virtual sessions are 60 minutes long with an optional 30 minutes of Office Hours.
Calls take place on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm ET via Zoom.

Spring 2024 Dates	To Do	Topic
Week 1 | Mar 18-22	Watch Intro Video MEETING #1: 3/20, 2 pm ET	Introduction
Week 2 | Mar 25-29	Complete COURSE #1	GEAR UP College Advising Framework
Week 3 | Apr 1-5	MEETING #2: 4/3, 2 pm ET	
Week 4 | Apr 8-12	Complete COURSE #2	Transitions and Introduction to DEAL Model
Week 5 | Apr 15-19	MEETING #3: 4/17, 2 pm ET	
Week 6 | Apr 22-26	Complete COURSE #3	Degree
Week 7 | Apr 29-May 3	MEETING #4: 5/1, 2 pm ET	
Week 8 | May 6-10	Complete COURSE #4	Employability and Affordability
Week 9 | May 13-17	MEETING #5: 5/15, 2 pm ET	
Week 10 | May 20-24	Complete COURSE #5	Life
Week 11 | May 27-31	MEETING #6: 5/29, 2 pm ET	