

Study Lab FAQ



Our goal is to provide you with **the knowledge and skills you need** to serve GEAR UP students, families, and communities.

Implementing the Study Lab learning experience is easy! Find answers to **frequently asked questions** below.

General

What is the Study Lab?

The Study Lab is an online professional development platform specifically curated for GEAR UP professionals. Users can explore courses on topics such as collaboration, communication, strategic thinking and more.

What are the specific roles covered in the Study Lab?

Each course is specifically designed for one of five key roles found in most GEAR UP programs: Directors, Coordinators, College Access Professionals, Family Engagement Specialists, and Evaluators. Courses cover three levels: emerging, proficient, and expert.

Who designed and wrote the courses?

NCCEP designed the framework with the Study Lab advisory group comprised of GEAR UP practitioners. Some of the existing content was developed in collaboration with Learning Forward, a nationally-recognized organization focused on professional learning. All of the content included the input and participation of GEAR UP colleagues from throughout the country.

Are courses only for GEAR UP professionals?

While we primarily designed the Study Lab to focus on the roles of GEAR UP professionals, there is something there for everyone! The courses provide tools and resources that would be of value to anyone seeking to work more collaboratively and efficiently. Feel free to share the platform with tutors, teachers, or anyone that supports the work of GEAR UP.

Creating a Plan

How long will it take to complete a course?

Most courses take between 30 to 90 minutes. The full module, all 3 courses within a topic, should take up to 6 hours to complete.

Is there a course facilitator?

No – the courses are designed for professionals to complete on their own schedule. Everything is self-paced and self-directed.

Can we complete a course as a team?

Courses are designed to provide an individual learning experience. We do encourage teams to collectively discuss key takeaways, questions, and reflections.

How do I figure out which courses to take?

Courses are aligned to key GEAR UP roles; however, you may find that your job responsibilities align to more than one of the roles covered on the Study Lab. That is ok! You are welcome to take courses that fall under different GEAR UP roles.

What are product bundles?

Each product bundle contains all three learning levels (emerging, proficient, and expert) levels of a course topic. There are also onboarding bundles with introductory content on a variety of topics. You save by purchasing a bundle!

Paying for the Study Lab

How much does a course cost?

NCCEP members can access a discounted price of \$25 per course. Members can count their savings towards match!

How much does a bundle cost?

NCCEP members can purchase a single bundle for \$70. Non-NCCEP members can purchase a bundle for \$380.

How do I pay for courses?

There are two ways to pay for courses:

- 1. Credit Card:** Individuals can pay for the course(s) of their choosing directly on the Study Lab platform using a credit card.
- 2. Invoice:** See the order forms available on edpartnerships.org/study-lab to be billed with an invoice for individual or multiple users.

Navigating Courses

What does a course include?

Every course contains an introduction to course content, an e-journal, two surveys, 2-5 lessons, a course assessment, and a certificate of completion.

Can I skip the first level of a course?

You can complete courses according to your preference. However, because courses build on each other, we highly recommend starting with the emerging level content.

Are course assessments difficult?

Course assessments are not meant to be difficult. Each assessment is designed to reflect content covered in the slides and resources. We encourage you to take copious notes and pace yourself as you progress through the course.

Will I receive a certificate if I pass the assessment?

Yes, users that successfully complete the course assessment will receive a certificate of completion.

As a GEAR UP Director, can I see which courses staff members have completed?

If you are interested in receiving a Course Completion Report, please contact studylab@edpartnerships.org.

Follow these steps to get started!

- 1 Create an account at pathlms.com/nccep
- 2 Add your NCCEP Institutional Member ID, found at edpartnerships.org/member-id
- 3 Select course(s)
- 4 Enter your method of payment
- 5 Let the learning begin!

Additional questions? Contact studylab@edpartnerships.org