



College Admissions Specialist Training

LOCATION: Online, Self-paced

LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY: EW 52334

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Preparing students for postsecondary success is what we strive to do as school counselors. However the world of college admissions can be a confusing one, and often school counselors haven't received formal training in this arena. Learn how you can implement a comprehensive school counseling program that helps students understand the connection between K-12 school and college and make a successful transition to postsecondary education.

Learning objectives:

Upon completion of this course you should be able to:

- Identify the role of the school counselor in promoting college readiness
- Identify academic habits that prepare students for postsecondary success
- Articulate how school counseling standards support the development of academic habits and postsecondary readiness
- Identify ways to incorporate academic habits curriculum into classroom lessons, and small groups that support K-12 learning objectives
- Discuss the importance of collaborating K-12 to improve students' postsecondary success
- Strategize ways to collaborate with your school counseling, teaching and administrative staff to keep your school focused on the culture of college and career readiness
- List factors associated with postsecondary success in early childhood, elementary, middle and high school student, and explain how a comprehensive school counseling program can have an impact on these factors
- Discuss the importance of a college-going culture and recognize what fosters a college-going culture
- Analyze your school's current culture regarding postsecondary readiness
- Discuss best practices for promoting a college-going culture that take into consideration demographic settings and special populations
- Recall the basics of financial planning for college to help increase awareness around college costs and encourage parents to educate themselves early about the true cost of college
- Recognize and discuss community college opportunities with students
- Employ best practices for writing letters of recommendation

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS/ASSIGNMENTS	Hours:
MODULE 1	
ASCA Position Statement: The School Counselor and College Access Professionals	0.25
College Board Publication: College Advising Essentials, Vol. 1	1.5
College Board Publication: College Advising Essentials, Vol. 2	1.5
College Board Publication: College Advising Essentials, Vol. 3	1.5
College Board Publication: College Advising Essentials, Vol. 4	1.5
MODULE 2	
NACAC Publication: Guide to the College Admissions Process	4
NACAC Publication: Step by Step: College Awareness and Planning for Families, Counselors and Communities	8
MODULE 3	
ASCA Webinar: College Application Basics	1.25
ASCA Webinar: Ethics and Best Practices in College Admissions Counseling	1.25
ASCA Webinar: The Changing Landscape of College Admissions	1.25
ASCA Webinar: Test-Free & Test-Optional College Admissions	1.25
ASCA Webinar: Support Seniors Virtually Through the College Admissions Process	1.25
ASCA Webinar: Gap Year Pros and Cons for Students	1.25
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: Time for a Gap Year?	1
ASCA Webinar: Paying for College	1.25
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Education Pays Data Table	0.15
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Involving Families in the Postsecondary Planning Process: A Case Study	1.25
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: Community College Provide a Smart Start	0.25
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: Increase Students' College Knowledge	0.25
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: Open College Doors with a Bias-Free Program	0.25
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: Postsecondary Planning Ethics	0.25
MODULE 4	
NCAA Publication: NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete	4
NCAA Publication: Initial-Eligibility Flyer/Infographic	0.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: College Transition Program for Student-Athletes (CTPSA): A Psychoeducational Group for Boys of Color	1.25
MODULE 5	
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: GenZ Student Trends and Needs	0.5
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: Postsecondary Options for Students with Disabilities	1
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Stop, Drop, or Enroll? How Ability Beliefs Are Associated with College-Going Among Black Males	1.25
ThinkCollege Resource: Grab and Go Practices: Tips to prepare students with intellectual disabilities for college expectations	0.5
ThinkCollege Resource: Rethinking College Film and Viewers Guide	1
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: Cultural Competency in Postsecondary Planning	1
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: The Role of High School Counselors in Increasing Latino Male College Enrollment: Moving From College Aspirations to	1.25

Access	
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: HBCUs: Promoting Benefits and Attendance	1
Professional School Counseling Journal article: “You Are Going to School”: Exploring the Precollege Experiences of First-Year Black Males in Higher Education	1.25
Professional School Counseling Journal article: Mechanisms of Matriculation: School Counseling Resources and College Going for Latino Men	1.25
Professional School Counseling Journal article: Characteristics and Counseling Needs of Prospective First-Generation College Students: Implications for School Counselors	1.25
Professional School Counseling Journal article: From Homeless to Student Housing: School Counselor Roles and Experiences in Preparing Students Experiencing Homelessness for College	1.25
ASCA School Counselor Magazine article: Applying to College During a Crisis	0.5
Professional School Counseling Journal article: Validation of the College Planning Behaviors Scale	1.25
TOTAL HOURS:	50

Supplemental Material

- Book: "Counseling 21st-Century Students for Optimal College & Career Readiness: A 9-12th Grade Curriculum"
- U.S. Department of Education, through the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, publishes, "[A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education and Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities](#)"
- Website: [Federal Financial Aid Toolkit for Counselors](#) (includes information for undocumented students)
- Website: [College Savings Plan Network 529 Savings Plan Resources](#)
- Website: [Campus Pride Index](#)
- Website: www.thinkcollege.net
- Website: <https://collegemoneymatters.org>

ASCA SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & COMPETENCIES

M3; B-PF 1; B-SS 2

ASCA STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS (ASCA CAEP SPA)

2.1; 3.2

CACREP STANDARDS

G 2c; G 3g

*Please note, any published books must be purchased separately