



Closing the Achievement Gap Specialist Training

LOCATION: Online, Self-paced

LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY: EW 51110 Closing the Achievement Gap Specialist

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Academic, behavior and attendance discrepancies, often referred to as gaps, can exist among student groups. Through targeted and intentional interventions, school counselors can play a crucial role in challenging bias and promoting success for all students, thus closing the achievement gap.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

After completing this course, you should be able to:

- Identify achievement gaps based on school data
- Design appropriate interventions addressing the identified achievement gap
- Collect data and write results reports that accurately reflect the achievement gap addressed, the intervention provided and the intervention results

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS/ASSIGNMENTS	HOURS
MODULE 1	
Book: “School Counseling to Close the Achievement Gap: A Social Justice Framework for Success,” 2nd Edition, by Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy	23
MODULE 2	
Book: “The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs” (Fourth Edition)	7
Book: “The ASCA National Model Implementation Guide: Manage & Assess,” (pgs. 21-40; 40-63; 89-100; 100-107; 163-165)	2
Book: “The ASCA National Model Implementation Guide: ASCA Student Standards”	5.45
MODULE 3	

ASCA Video: Address Achievement Gaps with Data	1.15
ASCA Webinar: Determine Student Needs	1.15
ASCA Video: Use Data to Address Equity	1.15
ASCA Webinar: Closing-the-Gap Action Plan	0.25
ASCA Video: Results Reports-More Than Just a Task of the Model	0.75
ASCA Video: Closing-the-Gap in Achievement	0.75
ASCA Video: Closing-the-Gap in Attendance	0.75
ASCA Video: Closing-the-Gap in Discipline	0.75
ASCA Resource: The ASCA National Model: Equity in Action	0.25
ASCA Resource: RAMP Stories- Closing the Gap	0.5
<i>ASCA School Counselor Magazine</i> (May/June 2023): RAMP Stories: Closing-the- Gap	0.5
<i>ASCA School Counselor Magazine</i> (July/August 2024): RAMP Stories: Closing-the- Gap	0.5
MODULE 4	
ASCA Webinar: Motivational Interviewing- First Steps	1.15
ASCA Webinar: Meet the Needs of Gifted Black Students	1.15
ASCA Video: Educational Equity	1.15
ASCA Video: Enhance Intrinsic Motivation to Change and Achieve	1.15
ASCA Video: 15-Minute Closing-the-Gap Groups	1.15
MODULE 5	
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: School Counselors' Use of the ASCA Closing-the- Gap Action Plan Template to Address Educational Disparities	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: A University/School District Partnership to Close the Information, Opportunity, and Attainment Gaps for Students in Urban Schools	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Promoting Cultural Responsiveness and Closing the Achievement Gap with Standards Blending	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Closing the Gap: A Group Counseling Approach to Improve Test Performance of African-American Students	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Closing the Gap to Postsecondary Success: A High School and University Partnership	1.25
Total Hours:	50

ASCA SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & COMPETENCIES:

M 1; M 2; M 3; M 7; B-PF 6; B-PA 2; B-PF 5; B-SS 1; B-SS 2; B-SS 3; B-PA 5

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

5.1; 5.2; 5.3

CACREP STANDARDS

G 3.k; G 3.n; G 3.o