What is the Learning Lab?

As we work to build the capacity of communities to ensure that underserved students have the opportunity, skills, and knowledge to successfully pursue the education and training that will enable them to achieve their career and life goals, we understand that collaboration catalyzes success.

Establishing strong connections among Coordinators throughout the GEAR UP community will improve the practices that drive student success as we work towards a future where all students are empowered and equipped with the education and training needed to succeed in a diverse and global society.

Enter the Coordinator Learning Lab: a cohort-based professional development program for the GEAR UP community that offers a place for Coordinators to come together and explore the common challenges facing GEAR UP Practitioners.

Who is it for?

The Coordinator Learning Lab is best suited for individuals who:

- Coordinators who perform job functions similar to:
  - Program development and implementation;
  - Provide direct services to students;
  - Implement and/or map student services;
  - Collect and manage data regarding student services and outcomes;
  - Organize college awareness events.

- Have been in a Coordinator role for 0-3 years; and

- Have the support of their supervisor.
A Learning Lab is a cohort-based professional development program. The Lab takes place over the course of 10 weeks. During the Lab, you can expect to build on your knowledge base as you interact and engage with other members of the cohort and learn from other professionals and leaders in the GEAR UP field. The Lab aims to strike a balance between self-directed learning and reflection, and opportunities to work as a group to strategize and tackle common challenges and issues facing GEAR UP professionals today.

### LEARNING PLAN

The Learning Plan is a cumulative project that serves as a journal, or self-reflection tool throughout your experience with the Learning Lab. You’ll identify a goal and a series of objectives to monitor your progress throughout the 10 weeks.

### VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Look forward to 5 engaging virtual meetings hosted by NCCEP that feature guest speakers on important and timely topics.

### STUDY LAB COURSES

Take courses selected by you, aligned to the goals you set forth in your Learning Plan to complete throughout the Learning Lab. You’ll have opportunities to share what you’re learning in small groups with others in the cohort.

### HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Contact us to learn more, and figure out if this is a good fit for you! We would love to hear from you:

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Please note that supervisor approval is required for participation.