COLLEGE SUCCESS LEARNING LAB

National Council for Community and Education Partnerships

Bottom Line

What is the College Success Learning Lab?

The College Success Learning Lab (CSLL) is an eleven-week learning experience which recognizes that the first year of college is a critical time for any student. A Learning Lab is a blended professional development model that combines online courses with facilitated live virtual sessions for a cohort of learners.

In the CSLL, GEAR UP advisors 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 include how to work toward a degree in a timely manner, how to navigate employability and financial aid, and 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.

DATES: March 13 - May 24, 2023

COST: $799 - NCCEP members
$2,499 - non-members

Who is it for?

GEAR UP professionals who:
- Work with late high school students or college freshman.
- Advise students on college success topics, including academics and finances.
- Provide direct student services.
- Have the support of their supervisor.

What can it help participants accomplish?

By participating, participants will:
- 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.

PROGRAM FEATURES & REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION

During the CSLL, participants can expect to spend 2-4 hours each week completing online courses and/or participating in a live virtual session. To demonstrate what they have learned, participants will submit a completed Participant Guide as their final project.

ONLINE COURSES

To become familiar with specific college advising strategies, participants will complete 5 courses. Topics include the GEAR UP College Advising Framework, Transitions, Degree, Employability, Affordability, and Life.

To receive a Certificate of Completion, participants must pass assessments for all courses.

LIVE VIRTUAL SESSIONS

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

To receive a Certificate of Completion, participants must attend 5 of the 6 sessions, with Calls #1 and #6 required.

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 submit the final project.

NETWORKING

The cohort gets a space to network. This includes touchpoints to connect with one another, opportunities aligned to other NCCEP/GEAR UP programs, and a place for participants to connect with each other.

To receive a Certificate of Completion, participants will need to complete these program requirements. If a participant is unable to fulfill all of the program requirements, they will receive a Certificate of Participation.

PROGRAM DATES & TOPICS

	Topic	To Do
Week 1, Mar 13-17 *Virtual Session: Mar 15, 2:00 PM ET*	Introduction to College Success Learning Lab	Watch *Intro Video* Attend Live Virtual Session 1
Week 2, Mar 20-24	GEAR UP College Advising Framework	Complete Course 1
Week 3, Mar 27-31 *Virtual Session: Mar 29, 2:00 PM ET*	GEAR UP College Advising Framework	Attend Live Virtual Session 2
Week 4, Apr 3-7	Transitions & Introduction to DEAL Model	Complete Course 2
Week 5, Apr 10-14 *Virtual Session: Apr 12, 2:00 PM ET*	Transitions & Introduction to DEAL Model	Attend Live Virtual Session 3
Week 6, Apr 17-21	Degree	Complete Course 3
Week 7, Apr 24-28 *Virtual Session: Apr 26, 2:00 PM ET*	Degree	Attend Live Virtual Session 4
Week 8, May 1-5	Employability & Affordability	Complete Course 4
Week 9, May 8-12 *Virtual Session: May 10, 2:00 PM ET*	Employability & Affordability	Attend Live Virtual Session 5
Week 10, May 15-19	Life	Complete Course 5
Week 11, May 22-24 *Virtual Session: May 24, 2:00 PM ET*	Life & Closing	Attend Live Virtual Session 6 Submit Final Project *Virtual Sessions take place on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM ET*

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Contact us to learn more! We would love to hear from you.

To apply, click here and fill out the application by **February 22, 2023**. Please note that supervisor approval is required for participation.