Session One: Understanding The National Workforce Landscape and 21st Century Careers

This session focuses on exploring the local and national workforce landscape, and learning strategies to help students understand the relevance of post-secondary education for specific career options. Participants will have the opportunity to work with local employers, students, educators or the school community in support of this goal.

Session Two: Cultural Competency and Equity

This session addresses cultural competency and equity in the context of school counseling, including developing approaches for working with diverse groups of students to attain educational and post-secondary goals. Participants will also be guided in exploring their own belief systems may impact the populations with whom they work.

Session Three: Understanding, Communicating, and Advocating for the Role of the School Counselor in College and Career Planning

This session focuses on the role of the counselor in advocating for post-secondary career and academic options and the importance of post-secondary advisement. Participants will explore their role as a social justice advocate in helping all students achieve their postsecondary goals. Additionally, during this session, participants will review ethical standards and consider how they apply to their own practice.

Session Four: Creating a School-Wide College-Going Culture

This session addresses strategies for developing a college-going mission and a belief in students’ abilities to participate in college or other postsecondary experiences. Participants will reflect on barriers to students’ college-going self-efficacy.