

Student Affairs 101 2009 Conference  
"Exploring", "Committed", and "Searching" Track Sessions

Overview

In an attempt to provide a targeted experience for students at various stages of the decision making process about a career in student affairs, we propose creating three different "tracks" for students to self select into. Each of these three tracks will provide a three hour experience designed to provide students with information that is necessary to assist with the decision making process and answer the question, "where do I go from here?" All participants will leave their track with a take-a-way document they complete that will provide a framework for application of ideas and goals back on campus. Students in each track will also interact with several WCPA Past Presidents and current graduate students assigned to work with each group.

**EXPLORING** the possibility of a career in Student Affairs

9:00-9:45am	Why Student Affairs? – self exploration for a career in student affairs
9:45-10:30am	Current Trends and Issues in Higher Education
10:30-11:15am	Graduate Student Panel
11:15-11:30am	Beginning Reflection -What do I need to do to discover if this is the profession for me? -Hand out timeline exercise

**COMMITTED** to entering the student affairs profession after January 2011

9:00-9:45am	Graduate School Search Process – "2 Grad or Not 2 Grad"
9:45-10:30am	Table Top Exercise – Ethical Decision Making
10:30-11:15am	Experiences to Gather on Campus – Goals and Actions
11:15-11:30am	Beginning Reflection -What other experiences should I gain to prepare me for a career in Student Affairs? -Hand out timeline exercise

**SEARCHING** for a career in Student Affairs in Spring or Summer 2010

9:00-9:45am	Navigating the Placement Exchanges
9:45-10:30am	Seasoned Professionals Panel
10:30-11:15am	Ethical Decision Making case study
11:15-11:30am	Beginning Reflection -What do I need to do to be more prepared for my search process? -Hand out search timeline exercise