



# TEXAS ONCOURSE Academy Modules

## Professional Learning

The following gives you an overview of the Texas OnCourse Academy, organized by key competencies and modules. Use it as a quick guide to see how each section supports your work in helping students explore careers, plan for postsecondary education or training, and navigate financial aid.

### Advising: Foundational Knowledge



#### Designing College and Career Planning

##### Advising All Students To Be College Ready

Learn exactly what college readiness means in Texas and how understanding this concept holistically can impact your advising.

##### Building an Effective Advising Program\*

Learn about TEA's Effective Advising Framework and develop an understanding of how to provide high-quality, multi-tiered college and career readiness programming that aligns with both state and national models.

##### Delivering an Effective Advising Program\*

Discover best practices for delivering and evaluating an effective advising program to ensure that you are meeting the needs of your students and families related to college and career readiness.

##### My Texas Future - Secondary\*

Leverage My Texas Future's premier tools and resources for your advising program.



#### Additional Supports

##### Supporting Special Population Student Groups\*

Learn how to assist special population student groups with transitioning and guiding them to plan for the future. We'll also cover how to differentiate your advising program to meet the needs of this diverse group of students.

##### Supporting Military-Connected Families

Learn about the challenges of military-connected students and strategies to help support them meet both basic and educational needs.

##### Transition Services for Students with Disabilities

Learn how to support students with disabilities as they transition from secondary into their postsecondary planning. Users will learn about key supporters in the transition process and how they can work together to support students prepare for adulthood.



#### Career Development

##### Self-Discovery and Assessments

Explore the significance of self-discovery and the impact it will have on students. Investigate resources to guide students through self-discovery by helping them develop skills relevant to their interests.

##### Exploring Career Pathways - MS\*

Get a comprehensive overview of career clusters and learn how to connect students' current skills and interest to potential careers. Find out how to help students map out their futures, and the multiple entry and exit points career pathways offer.

##### Extracurricular and Work-Based Learning Experiences - MS

Focus on employability skills and aligning them with classroom and extracurricular activities. This module introduces the skills middle school students can begin practicing now to prepare for hands-on learning experiences that will be available to them in high school.

### Middle School Advising



#### Academic Development

##### Individual Student Planning - MS\*

Learn about the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) In addition, we will investigate the components of the ICAP and how it falls within the scope of the Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling of the Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling and individual student planning.

##### Graduation Requirements

Explore the details related to the requirements of high school graduation. Being successful in high school begins with knowing what is required in terms of students' graduation plans, grades, and academic goals.

##### Advance Academics

Learn about how students may earn college credit while still in high school through Advanced Academics coursework and how to advise students on which courses might be best for them.



#### Financial Aid and Literacy

##### Fundamentals of Financial Aid and Literacy\*

Explore the foundational knowledge of financial aid and how to incorporate financial literacy concepts into your conversations with students. You will be able to define financial literacy in relatable terms and debunk the myth that college is not affordable.

\*indicates a new module

## High School Advising



### Career Development

#### Exploring Career Pathways - HS \*

Learn about interest and career awareness and their role in career planning. You'll also learn about connecting desired careers to postsecondary options and how they inform high school coursework.

#### Extracurricular and Work-Based Learning Experiences - HS

Gain an understanding of the various types of work-based learning (WBL) experiences and their benefits.

#### Transitioning from High School to Workforce\*

Learn how to support all students to prepare for joining the workforce by integrating employability skills in to guidance and classroom curriculum and by providing access to career readiness opportunities in high school.



### Academic Development

#### Individual Student Planning - HS\*

Learn how to assist special population student groups with transitioning and guiding them to plan for the future. We'll also cover how to differentiate your advising program to meet the needs of this diverse group of students.

#### Researching Postsecondary options

Learn how to assist students with researching postsecondary options, what factors are important in researching career pathways, and how to guide a student in building a college list.



### Financial Aid and Literacy

#### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Learn the essential knowledge and skills needed to support students and families through the FAFSA application process.

#### Texas Application for State Financial Aid

Learn the essential knowledge and skills needed to guide students and families through the TASFA application process.

#### State Aid and Scholarships

Learn what information to share with students in preparation for filling out scholarship applications. You'll also learn about the different state aid programs available and how students can apply to receive nonfederal institutional aid through the CSS Profile.

#### Highly Selective Scholarships

Learn about highly selective scholarship programs, including eligibility requirements, how they work, and best practices for supporting students who wish to apply.

#### Financing Postsecondary Education and Training

Discover how to inform students about costs and financial aid, enabling them to make informed decisions. Learn how to help students develop a plan to finance college and understand award packages.



### College Planning Processes

#### College Entrance Exams

Gain insight into the various types of college entrance exams, their respective formats, scoring systems, and strategies for preparing students for success. You'll also learn the role of college entrance exams in relation to college admissions and placement.

#### College Application Systems

Learn about the college application process, including the components of college applications, understanding different application platforms, and managing applications.

#### Advising Student Athletes

Learn how to best advise student athletes and how to create a support system that will help student athletes through the recruitment process. Additionally, we will explore the NCAA and NAIA Eligibility Centers registration process.

#### Transitioning from High School to College\*

Learn about strategies to help high school seniors successfully transition to college, even if they're graduating high school without a clear postsecondary plan.



### Military Readiness

#### Military Pathways

Learn about how students can develop career readiness through military pathways. Explore the enlistment and commissioned military pathways, military careers, and training, and how to help students and families navigate the military pathway that is right for them.

## Postsecondary Advising



### Holistic College Ready Advising

#### Student Advising with College Readiness in Mind

Learn exactly what college readiness means in Texas and how understanding this concept holistically can impact your advising.

#### Texas Transfer Framework

Learn about how the framework was developed, identify the stakeholders involved, and provide students with an efficient plan to earn and transfer credits.

#### My Texas Future - Higher Education

Learn about how My Texas Future was created to engage the whole learner and provide Texas students with a clear path to career opportunities through credential attainment.



### College Finances and Beyond

#### FAFSA and TASFA: Helping Students Get and Keep Financial Aid

Learn how students can apply for financial aid using the FAFSA or TASFA, how to interpret eligibility and documentation requirements, and what circumstances may warrant a verification flag. You'll also learn how to help students maintain and/or regain aid eligibility.

#### Dollars and Sense: Supporting Student Financial Wellness

Learn why financial wellness matters to student success. Define the terms around financial wellness. How to respond to student challenges as well as the advisor's role in responsible borrowing.

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