



Professional Learning Sessions

Texas OnCourse offers a variety of professional learning events to support your college and career advising efforts. You can request these sessions for your campus, district, or organization based on your needs. To request a session, please complete this [form](#), and a member of our staff will contact you in 3–5 business days. We require 3–4 weeks to schedule and prepare for the event and ask that you have a minimum of 25 participants for our sessions.



Texas OnCourse Deep Dive: Supporting Postsecondary Planning in Your District

Time: 60 minutes | **Format:** virtual or in person

Suitable for: new secondary educators, including counselors and teachers; career and/or transition specialists; grant facilitators; AVID staff; CTE teachers; directors of counseling and/or CCMR; and college advisors

During this session, you'll learn about the Texas OnCourse resources that help with postsecondary planning for students. Our team will share who we are, explain our mission, and describe our free online professional development tools, including the enhanced Texas OnCourse Academy with refreshed modules and improved navigation making your learning experience even more efficient. We'll also offer strategies for using student-focused resources, like the College and Career Readiness Curriculum, My Texas Future, and ADVi, in your campus and district.

Attendees will do the following:

1. Register for or log in to the **Texas OnCourse Academy** to view the Getting Started materials and begin learning
2. Gain a thorough understanding of how to use **Texas OnCourse** resources to support their practice
3. Receive supplemental infographics and resources to share directly with students and their families
4. Get to know the **Academy Learning Community**, a dynamic network of professionals committed to sharing best practices through the Texas OnCourse Academy



Aligning Purpose & Practice: Strategies to Foster a College and Career Readiness Culture

Time: 60 minutes | **Format:** virtual or in person

Suitable for: campus/district administrators; counselors; CTE teachers; grant facilitators; and CCMR staff

Getting students ready for life beyond high school involves establishing a strong culture of college and career readiness in your school and district. This session will provide techniques to promote college and career readiness for students. Participants will learn the nine key principles of college and career readiness and will have the opportunity to collaborate and discuss established methods.

Attendees will do the following:

1. Define what a culture of college and career readiness will look like at your campus or district
2. Learn about **Texas OnCourse** and **My Texas Future** resources that support building your district's culture of college and career readiness
3. Align college and career readiness efforts in your campus or district



Understanding TASFA & ApplyTexas Counselor Suite: Tools, Tips, and Q&A

Time: 60 minutes | *Format:* virtual or in person

Suitable for: high school counselors/advisors and CCMR staff

During this session, our agency staff will provide an overview of the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) process for students and families, as well as a walkthrough of the ApplyTexas Counselor Suite. Educators can access financial aid data through the Counselor Suite reporting features, and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about both of these applications.

Attendees will do the following:

1. Understand the components of the **TASFA** and availability of state financial aid programs
2. Explain how to address common **TASFA** errors and misconceptions
3. Learn about the features of the **ApplyTexas Counselor Suite**
4. Gain access to key resources for successful financial aid completion



From Career Discovery to College Enrollment: Leveraging My Texas Future and Direct Admissions

Time: 60 minutes | *Format:* virtual or in person

Suitable for: high school counselors/advisors; campus/district administrators; middle school teachers/counselors; and CCMR staff

My Texas Future is a comprehensive platform designed to be an innovative, postsecondary resource for K-12 learners and beyond. It helps students discover careers, identify in-demand jobs in their area, and connect directly to the ApplyTexas college application. My Texas Future also features Direct Admissions, a program that streamlines the college enrollment process. In this session, Texas OnCourse staff will guide participants through My Texas Future and demonstrate how its features can enhance advising efforts and support students in planning for college.

Attendees will do the following:

1. Discover how **My Texas Future** can help streamline the planning and application process for secondary students
2. Tour the **My Texas Future** platform and learn about learner profiles, the skills quiz, interest quiz, and customization opportunities
3. Understand how Direct Admissions facilitates seamless enrollment directly into colleges
4. Receive comprehensive **Educator Toolkits** complete with ready- to- use lesson plans and engaging activities focused on My Texas Future and Direct Admissions

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