



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

### WHAT IS IT?

Iowa College Aid offers Iowa Go Alliance Academy, a one-of-a-kind opportunity for college access professionals to deepen their knowledge about college and career access. The online curriculum, developed by Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and top experts in the field, is a comprehensive program of courses on topics counselors want and need most. Courses have been tailored to include Iowa-specific resources, allowing participants to see best practices in action, and gain knowledge and resources that can be immediately incorporated into their work with students. Courses participants are part of a cohort, which allows for structured online discussion with peers; feedback is provided from trained facilitators.

### WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Iowa Go Alliance Academy is open to any professional working in the college access field, although courses are tailored to school counselors. Any individual who completes the three core courses will earn a certificate in College and Career Access.

A school may enroll a team of at least three staff members, including a school counselor, building administrator, and a teacher-lead, to complete the core courses as part of a comprehensive school model. Schools who complete as a team will earn a school-level designation.

### WHAT COURSES ARE OFFERED?

Courses specifically designed for counselors, educators, and other college access professionals. Participants who complete all three courses will earn a College Access Certificate.

- Building a College-Going Culture for All Students (NOTE: participants **must** start with this course)
- College, Career and Academic Planning
- Financial Aid and College Applications

Course specifically designed for principals, superintendents, and Directors of Counseling.

- Maximizing School Counselor Impact on Student Success: A Module for School Leaders

Additional courses may be introduced at future dates.

### WHEN ARE COURSES OFFERED?

Courses are offered three times a year: summer, fall, and spring.

## WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

The time commitment is flexible and work is individual, with an average commitment of one to four hours per week, for six to eight weeks, for each course.

## CAN I GET CREDIT FOR THE COURSE?

Courses are offered for both License Renewal Credit and Graduate Credit through participating institutions: Drake University, Viterbo University, and Morningside College.

## WHAT IS THE COST?

Courses taken for License Renewal Credit are \$35 per credit; most courses are three credits. Courses taken for Graduate Credit have a higher cost, determined by the institution.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

There is a two-step registration process:

1. Register online through AEA's Professional Development portal, AEA PD Online: <https://prodev.aeapdonline.org/home>.
2. Once registered through AEA PD Online, you will receive a registration key for the specific course offering through SREB's Moodle platform: <https://mygoalliance.org>

## HOW DO I OBTAIN MY GRADES/TRANSCRIPT?

Grades are determined by facilitator, and are available on the SREB Transcripts are provided by AEA PD Online. Grades are also provided to AEA PD Online, and are automatically sent to the institutions providing Academic Credit.

Transcripts for License Renewal Credit are available through AEA PD Online. Copies are sent to the participant's home address. Participants may also contact AEA PD Online ([support@aeapdonline.org](mailto:support@aeapdonline.org)) to obtain a transcript.

Transcripts for Academic Credit are available through the institution. Participants will need to contact the appropriate institution to obtain a transcript.

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Learn more about Iowa Go Alliance Training Academy on the Iowa College Aid website under Community Engagement: [www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/go-alliance-academy](http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/go-alliance-academy)