



University Extension  
Professional Studies

# LEAD STUDENTS ON THE PATH TO HIGHER EDUCATION

## Professional Certificate in College Admissions Counseling



**Navigating the transition from high school to college isn't easy, especially with the ever-changing admission requirements of colleges today.** Students going through this process need the guidance of a caring, well-informed individual to help make the transition as seamless as possible. That's where you come in! Be the lighthouse that guides these students on a clear academic or career course, tailored to fit their individual and diverse needs.

This program is designed to provide knowledge and expertise to those who work with students making the transition into college, as well as with junior and senior high school students faced with establishing academic and career goals. Learn the ins and outs of how colleges choose students, strategies and techniques to unravel the often complex topic of financial aid, effective career counseling strategies, and more.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

How colleges choose students

Financial planning and admission procedures for small private colleges

Working with underrepresented students, athletes, and students with special talents

Best practices for preparing students for college entrance exams



**TOTAL UNITS**  
18



**TUITION**  
\$3,345



**COMPLETION TIME**  
12-18 months



**FORMAT**  
Online



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## BENEFITS OF EARNING A CERTIFICATE

There are several reasons why, Bachelor's degree in hand, you might be considering continuing your studies. An upgraded education section on your resume can open the door to a new career, or, if you're already working, lead to a promotion and a higher salary. While you're working, going back to school is an excellent way to stay current in rapidly changing fields, or, if you've been away from the workforce for a while, to quickly get caught up in the latest trends, concepts, and advances.

While there are as many paths to follow, as there are reasons to follow them when approaching continuing education, there is enormous value in terms of time, financial investment, and personal flexibility while gaining practical training from working professionals in your industry that extends beyond the theory of the classroom and into the real world.

### KEY BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- UC quality curriculum
- Professional endorsements
- Schedule flexibility
- Variety of courses and programs
- Instruction from professional leaders in the industry

## FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS

One-Time Tuition	Pay-As-You-Go
<p>Save 20% on the entire program tuition of \$3,345 by paying in full upfront.</p> <p><b>\$2,676 FULL TUITION</b></p>	<p>Pay per individual course as you register.</p> <p>COURSE TUITION RANGE <b>\$445-\$720</b></p>

\*Learn more about [tuition assistance](#).

## CAREER INFORMATION

 <p><b>IN-DEMAND FIELD</b></p> <p>Jobs are projected to grow at a rate of 16% over the next 5 years.</p>	 <p><b>STRONG EARNING POTENTIAL</b></p> <p>Median Salary <b>\$76,059</b></p>	
 <p><b>VARIETY OF JOBS TO CHOOSE FROM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Advisor</li> <li>• Academic Counselor</li> <li>• Advisor</li> <li>• College Counselor</li> <li>• Guidance Counselor</li> </ul>	 <p><b>SKILLS FOR SUCCESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Perceptiveness</li> <li>• Complex Problem Solving</li> <li>• Learning Strategies</li> </ul>	 <p><b>REALITY CHECK. WHAT YOU WILL DO ON THE JOB.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counsel students regarding educational or vocational issues</li> <li>• Counsel students regarding interpersonal issues</li> <li>• Counsel students regarding personal issues</li> <li>• Evaluate characteristics of individuals to determine needs/eligibility</li> <li>• Write reports and evaluations</li> </ul>



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## STUDY PLAN

Our certificate programs are designed to be flexible, allowing you the option to take just a few courses or earn the complete certificate. If choosing to complete the certificate, we recommend you get the most out of your experience by following the suggested completion path below.

Required Courses		
QUARTER		UNITS
1	The College Counseling Process <a href="#">EDUC X313.35B</a>	4
	College Admissions Procedures <a href="#">EDU X313.37</a>	3
2	Analysis and Application of Effective Career Counseling Strategies <a href="#">EDUC X313.44</a>	3
3	Financial Aid Planning for Higher Education <a href="#">EDUC X313.34A</a>	2
	Professional and Ethical Issues in the College Application Process <a href="#">EDUC X313.38</a>	3
4	Practicum in Counseling College-Bound Students <a href="#">EDUC X313.39</a>	3

## ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

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