

Multi-cultural Issues in Advising

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Abstract

With today's increasingly diverse student body, advisors must be able to communicate with students of various cultures and backgrounds. This topical session will look at research and theory in the field of intercultural communication with the goal of helping participants to develop intercultural competence. We will consider the role of culture in the communication process and how theories on intercultural communication can enlighten our practice as advising professionals. In addition, we'll consider a few theories of identity development and their implications for working within a multi-cultural advising setting. Audience participation is expected.

Outline

1. Foundations of the Communication Process
2. Intercultural Communication
3. Some Theories on Culture and Identity Development
4. Developing Multi-Cultural Competence
5. Implications and Discussion

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