

Examining the Four Pillars of NACADA: Looking at the Concept of Advising, NACADA Core Values, CAS Standards and Core Competencies

The NACADA Pillar documents form the foundation of the profession of academic advising. Providing guiding principles, program standards, and ethical guidelines, these documents offer a solid foundation for creating, re-organizing, assessing, and improving academic advising programs, regardless of context. The session will begin with an overview of these foundational documents, including ways the facilitators have used them in their own work. Then, participants will discuss how the NACADA Concept of Academic Advising, the Core Values, the Core Competencies, and the CAS Standards might be used to address challenges commonly faced by today's advising administrators.

Note: The Core Values were revised in 2017 and the Core Competencies are a new resource beginning in 2017.

Learning Outcomes:

Participants will:

- Know how to access the NACADA Pillar documents online
- Describe the purpose of each document.
- Understand how the Pillars form the foundation of the profession of academic advising, regardless of context.
- Use the Pillars as a basis for responding to issues in advising administration.

Resources:

CAS Standards for Academic Advising Programs. (2015). Retrieved from *NACADA Clearinghouse of Academic Advising Resources* Web site <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Clearinghouse/View-Articles/CAS-Advising-Standards.aspx>

Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education. (2015). *CAS General Standards*. Retrieved from: <http://www.cas.edu/generalstandards>

Miller, M. (2012). Interpreting the CAS standards for academic advising. Retrieved from *NACADA Clearinghouse of Academic Advising Resources* Web site <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/tabid/3318/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/1249/article.aspx>

NACADA academic advising core competencies model. (2017). Retrieved from *NACADA Clearinghouse of Academic Advising Resources* Web site: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Pillars/CoreCompetencies.aspx>

NACADA concept of academic advising. (2006). Retrieved from *NACADA Clearinghouse of Academic Advising Resources* Web Site: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Clearinghouse/View-Articles/Concept-of-Academic-Advising-a598.aspx>

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White, E. R. (2006). Using CAS Standards for Self-Assessment and Improvement. Retrieved from the *NACADA Clearinghouse of Academic Advising Resources* Web site: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Clearinghouse/View-Articles/Using-CAS-Standards-for-self-assessment.aspx>