Advising Undecided College Students

Abstract
This topical will focus on undecided or exploratory students and various reasons for their status. Specific advising theories and strategies will be addressed for working with this population. The focus of this session will be on assisting this special population of students identify and attain their academic and vocational goals, to achieve degree completion. As a result, participants will have a deeper understanding of the integration of academic and career advising in the context of NACADA’s Concept for Advising.

Participants will:
• What are the characteristics of undecided students?
• What are effective advising strategies for working with them?
• How do we help them develop their academic and vocational plans?
• How do we help them integrate this process into their life planning?

References
Advising Distance Learners

As the number of on-line learners grows, advisors are faced with the challenge of connecting with this growing population. Institutions must find acceptable alternatives to meet the needs of distance learners. This panel of experts in distance advising will discuss the strategies they use in building relationships with their on-line advisees. Participants will: • gain a better understanding of distance advising • learn the challenges to advising at a distance • identify strategies for distance advising success