



Closing the Achievement Gap Specialist Training

LOCATION: Online, Self-paced

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Academic, behavior and attendance discrepancies, often referred to as gaps, can exist among student groups. Through targeted and intentional interventions, school counselors can play a crucial role in challenging bias and promoting success for all students, thus closing the achievement gap.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

After completing this course, you should be able to:

- Identify achievement gaps based on school data
- Design appropriate interventions addressing the identified achievement gap
- Collect data and write results reports that accurately reflect the achievement gap addressed, the intervention provided and the intervention results

Required Course Assignments:	Hours:
Book: “School Counseling to Close the Achievement Gap: A Social Justice Framework for Success,” 1st Edition, by C. Holcomb-McCoy (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	23
Book: “The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs” (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	11
Book: “The ASCA National Model Implementation Guide,” pages. 144-155; 167-172 (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
Podcast: This American Life Podcast #562: The Problem we all Live With (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
ASCA Webinar: Academic Counseling: Enhancing Motivation to Succeed (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25

ASCA Webinar: Enhancing Students' Motivation to Achieve (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
ASCA Webinar: Improve Attendance, Attitude and Achievement for At-risk Students (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
ASCA Webinar: Closing the Gap and Writing Results Reports (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
ASCA Webinar: Develop a Narrated, Self-Advancing, Multimedia Closing the Gap Report (view webinar)	1.0
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: School Counselor Program Choice and Self-Efficacy: Relationship to Achievement Gap and Equity (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Promoting Cultural Responsiveness and Closing the Achievement Gap with Standards Blending (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Using the Achieving Success Everyday (ASE) Group Model to Promote Self-Esteem and Academic Achievement for English as a Second Language (ESL) Students (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Academically Resilient, Low-income Students' Perspectives of How School Counselors Can Meet their Academic Needs (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Closing the Gap: A Group Counseling Approach to Improve Test Performance of African American Students (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Improved Attitude and Achievement: A Case Study of an Elementary School Academic Advisement Intervention (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
<i>Professional School Counseling</i> Journal article: Beyond School Records: The Value of Cognitive and Affective Engagement in Predicting Dropout and On-Time (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
<i>ASCA School Counselor Magazine</i> article: Old Money Meets Inner City (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
<i>ASCA School Counselor Magazine</i> article: The Urban Challenge (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
Total:	50

ASCA SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & COMPETENCIES:

M 1; M 2; M 3; M 7; B-PF 6; B-PA 2; B-PF 5; B-SS 1; B-SS 2; B-SS 3; B-PA 5

ASCA STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS (ASCA CAEP SPA)

5.1; 5.2; 5.3

CACREP STANDARDS

G 3.k; G 3.n; G 3.o

COURSE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete the course by reviewing the required course assignments and passing corresponding exams with a 100%.
- To access your exams which include the course materials, login to your MyASCA account and click on My Profile. From your My Profile page, click on the “Purchases” tab at the top, then click on “Exams” on the left. Your course exams and affiliated course materials will be listed in the center of your screen. Click on “Details” to access the related course materials and/or to take your exam. Course materials can be found under the Documents section. When you're ready, click on the green “Take Quiz” button to begin taking and passing your exam.
- Once you successfully pass all exams with a 100% you can view and download a record of your education credits (CEUs) by going to your “Account” tab at the top of your profile and clicking on the “Education Credits” on the left.
- You have one year following registration to complete your specialist course. If you have questions, please contact asca@schoolcounselor.org for assistance.

*Please note, published books must be purchased separately