

Student Affairs 101
“Exploring,” “Committed,” and “Searching” Track Sessions

OVERVIEW

In an attempt to provide a targeted experience for students at various stages of the decision making process about a career in student affairs, three different “tracks” have been created into which students self-select. Each track is a three-hour experience designed to provide students with the information necessary to assist with the decision making process and to answer the question, “where do I go from here?” All participants will leave their track with a take-away document that creates a framework for application of ideas and goals to work towards once they are back on campus. Students in each track will also interact with several WCPA Past Presidents and current graduate students assigned to work with each group.

EXPLORING: For students considering the possibility of a career in Student Affairs

The EXPLORING track will cover topics including:

- Why student affairs?
- Current trends and issues in higher education
- Reflection activities to answer the question “what do I need to do to find out if student affairs is the profession for me?”

COMMITTED: For students who have decided to pursue a career in student affairs and who have more than a year of undergraduate education remaining

The COMMITTED track will cover topics including:

- The graduate school search process – “To Grad or Not to Grad”
- Ethical decision making
- Reflection activities to answer the question “what experiences should I gain to prepare me for a career in student affairs?”

SEARCHING: For students who have committed to a career in student affairs and will be job or graduate school searching within the year

The SEARCHING track will cover topics including:

- Navigating the Placement Exchanges
- Ethical decision making
- Seasoned professionals panel
- Reflection activities to answer the question “what do I need to do to be more prepared for my search process?”