



Become a Certified Peer College Advisor - CPCA[®]



Join Us!

Join our global student movement in high schools across the world to empower your peers to define their life's purpose/career path, break through their barriers, and prepare to enroll and complete some form of postsecondary education, specifically to be prepared to enter high skilled careers or trades.



Gain the knowledge, tools, and hands on experience to become better prepared and a competitive applicant for admission to your top choice college.



Help reduce your peers stress and anxiety with respect to completing the steps needed to effectively apply to and enroll in two- or four-year colleges and universities.



Demonstrate - to your peers, families, and community - your dedication and commitment to help more students in your community prepare enroll and complete some form of post-secondary education or career/technical training.



Be a part of a global student movement that helps:

- ✓ Build and sustain a strong college going culture in your school community.
- ✓ Increase your school's college enrollment rate.



Receive Academic Credit. (varies by campus)



Gain the satisfaction of making a difference in your school, community, and country.



Earn a Service Learning Scholarship Award to help pay for college.



Develop the knowledge, confidence, and practical leadership skills required to achieve your educational and career goals.

Apply Now!

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See Your School Counselor!

National Association of Peer College Advisors
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Time Commitment: 5 - 10 hrs per week

Certified Peer College Advisors (CPCA) Will: ✓

Work with middle and high school students from all backgrounds (including students with disabilities) to build their college and career aspirations.

Help students register and complete college entrance exams and search for two- or four-year colleges that match their future education and career goals and fit their financial, social, and cultural needs.

Help their peers navigate through the complex processes of applying to, securing financial aid/scholarships, and enrolling into a regionally accredited two- or four-year college or career/technical training certificate or licensure program, specifically to be prepared to enter high skilled careers or trades.

Work to tie college-going into the life of a school, devise creative approaches to reach and connect with students, and most importantly, open the eyes of students and their families to the importance of completing a regionally accredited undergraduate degree program or postsecondary career/technical training program to be prepared to enter and succeed in high skilled careers or trades.

CPCA Training & Certification

 Complete a total of 140 hours of CPCA training and certification during our 3 week summer training program.

-  100 hours of pre-service classroom training.
-  40 hours of supervised fieldwork.

 Complete at least 20 hours of on-going, in-service training throughout the school year to reinforce a wide range of competencies learned from their CPCA training/certification.

Requirements to Apply

- 1. Have at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA.**
- 2. Complete at least one academic semester of high school.**
- 3. Enrolled as a full-time high school student (Grades 9-12) where an active NAPCA Chapter is located on a school campus. If your school has no active NAPCA chapter, you may start a NAPCA chapter at your school.**
- 4. Complete and submit the CPCA Training and Certification Program Online Application.**
- 5. Submit two Online Recommendation Forms from a teacher or counselor.**
- 6. Complete 100 hours of NAPCA's certified peer college advising classroom training.**
- 7. Complete 40 hours of peer college advising fieldwork experience while enrolled in the CPCA Training and Certification program.**
- 8. Pass the CPCA oral exam and written exam which covers the competencies needed to perform the role of a CPCA.**
- 9. Pass the CPCA code of ethics exam: rules of conduct and peer college advising practice standards.**
- 10. Commitment to visiting a minimum of 15 four-year degree granting colleges/universities and 3 community colleges/two-year degree granting colleges within the first two years of receiving certification.**
- 11. Commitment to attend NAPCA's Summer Academy for at least one summer at one of our university locations (i.e., Harvard University, UC Berkeley, UCLA).**
- 12. Commitment to enroll and complete some form of postsecondary education, specifically to be prepared to enter high skilled careers or trades.**
- 13. Commitment to work with diverse populations.**
- 14. Help create a solid school-wide action plan to strengthen your school's college going culture and increase college enrollment rates.**
- 15. Friendly, approachable, self-motivated, creative, enthusiastic, and passionate about helping your peers.**