

Professional Development Blueprint for Dropout Prevention

Designed for implementation of a proven 8th or 9th grade course and school-wide effort based on the Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes and the 10-Step Plan of

The George Washington University's Freshman Transition Initiative

This professional development plan could be used as the model when developing a grant proposal for:

- Federal monies becoming available for dropout prevention
- Title I and Stimulus funding (using the academic enhancements)
- Special foundation or corporate funding available for dropout prevention (high school and college)

PLEASE NOTE: All of the following professional development opportunities are optional. Most of the information can be acquired through the 38 video training modules found on the online Teachers' Lounge and in the Career Choices Instructor's Guide. For a preview, visit www.teachersloungecc.com.

Phase/Timing In chronological order below	Workshop/Professional Development Description	Resources/Materials Provided (in addition to trainer(s) fees and their expenses)	Cost Estimates Fee for individuals attending an Academic Innovations-sponsored workshop (travel and hotel expenses for participants not included)
FIRST YEAR BUY-IN PHASE			
<p>One-day overview workshop</p> <p>The Key to Dropout Prevention</p> <p>How to Implement a Freshman Transition Course in the 8th or 9th Grade</p> <p>For principals, vice principals, district administrators, and instructional leaders</p>	<p>Provided by Academic Innovations training team</p> <p>Participants learn how to develop a dropout prevention program that provides entering freshmen with a standards-based Freshman Transition course (in the 8th or 9th grade) that culminates in the development of a 10-year education and career plan</p> <p>They learn how the 10-year plan can be updated throughout high school and used for advisory and academic coaching functions.</p> <p>Participants are exposed to the award-winning Career Choices curriculum which is used as an example of a curriculum that meets The George Washington University's Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes.</p> <p>Topics also include funding strategies, what works and what doesn't, and professional development planning options.</p> <p>For dates and locations, visit findthekey.academicinnovations.com</p>	<p>Each participant receives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All five textbooks of the Career Choices curriculum review set <input type="checkbox"/> Two DVDs of videos resources for buy-in and planning <input type="checkbox"/> 128-page workshop booklet with planning resources <input type="checkbox"/> 	<p>Cost: \$99 per person; \$75 per person of teams of three or more</p>

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PLANNING PHASE

<p>Winter /Spring Two-day Freshman Transition Leadership Institute For principals and administrators</p>	<p>Taught by a team from The George Washington University's Freshman Transition Initiative, participants use their 10-Step Plan, coming away with the tools to launch a successful course and school-wide effort using the 10-year plan for each student. For details and dates, visit www.focusonfreshmen.com/FTI Institute is also held at the Focus on Freshmen conference each July</p>	<p>Each participant receives: <input type="checkbox"/> All five textbooks of the Career Choices curriculum <input type="checkbox"/> Resource DVD of rubrics, job descriptions, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 262-page Freshman Transition Leadership Manual</p>	<p>Cost: \$450 per person for an Academic Innovations-sponsored Institute Cost could be higher for other Institutes or if attended as part of the Focus on Freshmen conference</p>
<p>Spring/Summer Two-day Career Choices Implementation Workshop For course instructors and their direct supervisors</p>	<p>Course instructors and their supervisors learn how to use the Career Choices textbooks and online enhancements to develop a course that culminates in a quantitative and meaningful online 10-year plan for each student. In addition they learn how the literature, math, and online enhancements can integrate academics and technology. This motivational and informative workshop will help launch your Career Choices course instructors with confidence, so they can be successful from the first day of class. For dates and details, visit www.careerchoices.com/2day</p>	<p>Each participant receives: <input type="checkbox"/> All five textbooks of the Career Choices curriculum <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop booklet</p>	<p>Cost per person: \$249 Early bird special: \$199 These two-day workshops are held throughout the country in the spring and summer, but can also be contracted for to provide training to larger districts or consortia. Call (800) 967-8016, ext 307 for details.</p>
<p>Each July at FOCUS ON FRESHMAN conference Three-day Career Choices Lead Teacher Institute For the lead teacher or lead administrator for the Career Choices course</p>	<p>Focus on Freshmen Conference in Los Angeles, CA Career Choices Lead Teacher Institute Participants come away with the knowledge and tools to conduct ongoing professional development at their school site. This train-the-trainer workshop prepares individuals to take leadership roles in their freshman transition initiative while providing the tools for effective professional learning communities around their freshman transition efforts. For details, visit www.focusonfreshmen.com/LTI</p>	<p>Each participant receives: <input type="checkbox"/> All five textbooks of the Career Choices curriculum <input type="checkbox"/> 424-page Career Choices Lead Teacher Manual <input type="checkbox"/> 22 workshop session videos on DVD <input type="checkbox"/> Lunches, breaks, receptions, etc. of the conference</p>	<p>\$595/ person conference fee For separate hosted regional three-day Lead Teacher Institutes – (trainer /materials only) Minimum: \$5,500 for up to 15 participants; \$300 per participant after 15</p>
<p>Online Training Videos and Courses Available 24/7 CEU units optional</p>	<p>If you don't have the time or resources to attend a workshop, complete one of our online courses specially tailored courses for: <input type="checkbox"/> Career Choices course instructors <input type="checkbox"/> Principals and administrators <input type="checkbox"/> The School Site Executive for My10yearPlan.com <input type="checkbox"/> The Career Choices Lead Teacher For details, visit www.careerchoices.com/lounge/profdev_ceucourses.html (online course listings are midway down the page)</p>	<p>Each participant requires a set of five textbooks of the Career Choices curriculum AND membership in the online Teachers' Lounge</p>	<p>With adoption of Career Choices, the annual license for the Teachers' Lounge ranges from \$249 to FREE (depending on adoption size) For CEU credits from Chapman University College, the charge is approx. \$65/unit</p>

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SECOND YEAR COURSE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE			
<p>Launching the course using the Career Choices curriculum to meet the Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes from The George Washington University's Freshman Transition Initiative</p>	<p>For a semester or year-long Freshman Transition course for all 8th or 9th grade students: Course textbooks and online tool: Career Choices Workbook and Portfolio My10yearPlan.com Instructor's Guide Optional textbooks and online enhancements: Possibilities (English/language arts supplement) Lifestyle Math (math supplement) LifestyleMath.com - online correction tool CareerChoices.com - 80 online lessons and activities</p>	<p>For example: First year costs would be \$2,910 per 100 students for a semester course (50 students per semester) using Career Choices, the Workbook/Portfolio, and My10yearPlan.com There are also optional English and math textbooks and online enhancements</p>	<p>Costs vary dependant on the model adopted by the school. For examples of per school costs, speak with an Educational Consultant. Amanda Lake (800) 967-9220, ext. 15 Karen Shiner (800) 967-8016, ext. 308</p>
<p>Technical Assistance Onsite, online, or by phone</p>	<p>Technical assistance for schools or regional consortia – provided as needed For details call (800) 967-8016 ext. 307</p>	<p>For adopting schools: Monthly email newsletters outlining resources provided Online Teachers' Lounge with Resource Cupboard</p>	<p>Onsite technical assistance: Averages \$450/day plus travel expenses –but based on independent consultant rates Phone technical assistance: Free of charge with school adoption</p>
<p>Career Choices Online Training Modules</p>	<p>39 online videos with assessments available 24/7 for course instructors and school teams Each administrator can easily develop their own training agenda (complete with assessments) for project personnel</p>	<p>Membership in www.teachersloungecc.com</p>	<p>With school adoption, annual license ranging from \$249 to free depending on size of adoption</p>
<p>Professional Learning Community Model Facilitated by the trained Lead Teacher using the resources noted, program implementers meet regularly to discuss, assess, and build capacity.</p>	<p>Using the 22 ready-made 45-minute meeting agendas and videos, the trained Lead Teacher can conduct a variety of professional development opportunities for the instructional team for the course AND also provide school-wide professional development for instructors involved in updating and using students' 10-year plans for advisory and academic coaching.</p>	<p>Meeting agenda and resources come from: <input type="checkbox"/> 424-page Career Choices Lead Teacher Manual <input type="checkbox"/> 22 workshop session videos <input type="checkbox"/> Rubrics, checklists, lesson plans, and job descriptions</p>	<p>Attendance at a Career Choices Lead Teacher Institute (see page 2) OR successful completion of the Lead Teacher online course (including assessments) and payment of \$149 for the Lead Teacher Manual and DVDs</p>

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THIRD YEAR		
SCHOOL-WIDE INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE AND ASSESSMENT PHASE		
<p>In development by The George Washington University's Freshman Transition Initiative:</p> <p>Every Teacher an Advisor workshop</p>	<p>Three- to five-hour <u>school-wide</u> professional development session for ALL personnel at a particular school</p> <p>Goal: ALL instructors learn how to use the online 10-year plans for advisory and academic coaching purposes</p>	<p>Cost: Unknown at this time</p>
<p>In development:</p> <p>Dual Enrollment Strategy</p> <p>Using the Santa Barbara City College model, implement a dual-enrollment course at area high schools and community college (PD 110 course)</p>	<p>Consulting and training by the Santa Barbara City College team (Dean Diane Hollems, director of project)</p> <p>Optional for innovative high schools who have adopted the Freshman Transition model for all 9th graders using the online 10-year plan and want to articulate with their community college</p>	<p>Cost: Unknown at this time</p>
<p>In development:</p> <p>Assessment Strategies</p> <p>Interpreting and using data to upgrade your Freshman Transition programs and increase sustainability of your program.</p>	<p>Workshop to help administrators and instructional leaders learn to use data for the purpose of upgrading their efforts. In development is an area of the Teachers Lounge where schools can store data and create charts and reports. Available Spring 2010</p>	<p>Cost: Unknown at this time</p>