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3-Day Basic Training, July 7–9, 2010 (for NASP CPD credit only)
5-Day Advanced Training, July 7–9 and July 12–13, 2010 (for GW graduate credit only)

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

George Washington University
School of Media and Public Affairs Building, Rm. 310
805 21st St. NW
Washington, DC

This unique Washington, DC experience will offer presentations by national leaders in federal education and human service offices, Congress, research institutions, professional associations, and student development organizations. Interested participants may include GWU graduate students, graduate students attending other institutions, and professionals such as school psychologists, school counselors, teachers, principals, and others committed to promoting safe and healthy school environments. Participants may earn GW graduate semester credit or NASP continuing professional development credit. Participants will:

- Learn about how public policies are made and the changing federal role in education.
- Understand the relationships between the “whole child” movement, academic progress, and healthy school environments.
- Understand the connections between IDEA, ESEA/NCLB, emerging national policies, and current federal legislation that promotes safe and successful schools.
- Explore how schools can promote safe and healthy environments for children and youth in policy and in practice.
- Learn how to develop advocacy campaigns which can influence legislation, administrative policy, and professional practices.
- Develop personal or organizational action plans to promote advocacy agendas.
- Experience firsthand how legislation is created and advanced on Capitol Hill.

3-Day Basic Training: July 7–9, 2010

The 3-day experience is designed to provide an overview of federal education policy and grassroots advocacy. Topics will include a review of key education statutes like the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); issues pertaining to positive school climates and student mental health; communication and messaging, tools and strategies for grassroots advocacy; and information on how individuals and organizations can build effective grassroots advocacy networks. The 3-day experience will culminate with a Capitol Hill day where participants will get a look at our federal legislative process. Participants will hear reflections from Hill staff about their work and have the opportunity to meet with their elected officials or staff to advocate for policies and practices critical to promoting student success. Small-group networking and planning opportunities will also be available.

Cost: $369 per person, including all materials (handouts and a CD-ROM of selected materials), a networking reception, selected meals, and $10 Metro ticket to enable transportation to/from Capitol Hill. Participants will earn NASP continuing professional development credit.

Registration: Online registration for the 3-day training is available at [http://www.nasponline.org/advocacy/2010ppi_registration.aspx](http://www.nasponline.org/advocacy/2010ppi_registration.aspx)
Register early! Space is limited.
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In addition to all of the offerings included in the 3-day training, 5-day training participants will take a more comprehensive look at how educational policy helps to shape positive school climates and cultures. Participants will be exposed to programs and practices that promote school safety, social–emotional learning, and student success. Participants will work in teams to conduct a “case analysis” that examines how system policies and practices can address challenges and opportunities to promoting student mental health and wellness. This training may only be taken for GWU graduate semester credit (1 or 3 credits option) and includes all materials (handouts and a CD-ROM of selected materials), a networking reception, selected meals, and $10 Metro ticket to enable transportation to/from Capitol Hill.

Cost: For participants desiring graduate credit, you may enroll in either 1 or 3 credits at $1,118 per credit hour + student fees

Registration Information: [http://www.gwu.edu/~regweb/web-content/registration/gen_info_summer2010.html](http://www.gwu.edu/~regweb/web-content/registration/gen_info_summer2010.html)

Course Number: Course Number (CN): SPED 299.80; Course Registration Number (CRN): 20968 (3 credits) or Course Number (CN): SPED 220.80; Course Registration Number (CRN): 22212 (1 credit)

All interested GW credit participants should contact Dr. Carol Kochhar-Bryant at kochhar@gwu.edu for more information regarding course requirements.

Hotel Information

One Washington Circle Hotel
1 Washington Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20037
[www.thecirclehotel.com](http://www.thecirclehotel.com)

Located one half block from Foggy Bottom/GW Metro Station and five blocks from the School of Media and Public Affairs building.

Rate: $175 Single/Double plus tax (14.5%)

To make a hotel reservation, call the One Washington Circle Hotel with a valid credit card number before Sunday, June 13, 2010. The Reservations Department can be reached at (800) 424-9671 or (202) 872-1680. Please refer to the following group name and code in order to receive the discounted rate:

*Group Name: NASP/GW Public Policy Institute
Group Code: 584710*

Additional Information


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