Welcome to Your First FSA Training Conference

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2019 FSA Training Conference for Financial Aid Professionals
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• 32 breakout session topics, most offered multiple times
• Five breakout time slots this afternoon
• Three to 10 breakout time slots Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
• Five General Sessions – two on Tuesday (today) and three on Wednesday
• 10 Birds of a Feather sessions

We are expecting over 5,000 participants!
Who Attends the Conference?

- Financial Aid Administrators (FAA)
- Admissions Officers
- Bursars Officers
- Foreign School Administrators
- Loan Servicers
- Senior ED Officials
- Private Auditors/Accountants
- Financial Aid Rookies
- Financial Aid Veterans
What to Expect…

• Conference registration is in Reno-Sparks Convention Center (RSCC) Main Entry/Lobby
• Message board in registration area
• Food and beverages for sale in the Food Court (Exhibit Hall 3)
• Coffee carts and grab & go food kiosks throughout RSCC
• Lunch on your own
• No designated lunch period
What to Expect...

• Announcements/updates in General Sessions
• Breakout sessions have staggered start and end times to better accommodate traffic flow (see schedule)
• Focus on every other line of tri-fold agenda for planning
• See map in spiral bound program book
Need Help?

• ED Staff
  • *Red Shirts*
    -or-
  • *Blue Ribbons on name badges*
• Send questions to: **FSAConferences@ed.gov**
• Follow the conference via Twitter [@FSAconf](https://twitter.com/FSAconf) using the hash tag #FSATC2019
• Questions? Drop off your handwritten questions in the box at registration
General Sessions

Today (Tuesday)

• General Session 1 – Welcome & Keynote Presentations
• General Session 2 – Federal Update
General Sessions

Tomorrow (Wednesday)

- General Session 3 – Keynote – Can You Believe We Achieved Consensus?!
- General Session 4 – Verification
- General Session 5 – Application Processing
General Sessions

- All General Sessions will be video recorded and posted to IFAP
- No need to take pictures of screens or slides with your camera
- PowerPoint presentations will be posted to IFAP
Breakout Sessions

Student Eligibility

• Understanding Your Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy
• Professional Judgment
• Student Eligibility
• Financial Literacy Matters
• New Student Advising Tools
Breakout Sessions

**Institutional Eligibility**

- Maintaining Your Institutional Eligibility
- Financial Aid Data Use and Student Privacy
- The Clery Act: Hate Crimes, Sexual Violence, and Emergency Management
- Protecting Sensitive Data and Minimizing Fraud Through an Integrated Approach
Institutional Eligibility

- Cybersecurity – The Challenges Facing FAA’s
- What Happens at the Department When There is a Cybersecurity Breach?
- Internal and External Threats Facing Title IV Institutions
- College Scorecard
- Program Review Essentials and the Top 10 Compliance Findings
Breakout Sessions

Daily Operations

- Administering Disbursements
- Administering Adds, Drops, and Withdrawals
- Title IV Reconciliation: What’s in your Toolkit?
- Cash Management: Institutional Charges
- Return of Title IV Funds: Resources and Q&A
Breakout Sessions

Regulatory Update

• Borrower Defense
• Accreditation
• State Authorization for Distance Education and Distance Education
• TEACH Grant and Faith-Based Issues
Breakout Sessions

Loans and Grants

- Year-Round Federal Pell Grant Exploration and Answers
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) and Temporary Expanded PSLF (TEPSLF)
- Understanding Cohort Default Rates (CDR) and How to Develop and Implement Effective Default Prevention Plans
Breakout Sessions

System Updates

- National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) Update
- Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System Update
- Next Gen StudentAid.gov Walkthrough and Coming Attractions
Breakout Sessions

Campus-Based Aid

• Reporting for the Campus-Based Programs, Assigning Loans to the Department, and Reimbursing Service Cancellations for Perkins
Breakout Sessions

Open Forum

• Offered daily except for Friday
• Senior ED staff will be there to answer questions
Breakout Sessions

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Hands-On Sessions

- Hands-On NSLDS®
- Hands-On COD Basics
- Hands-On COD Advanced

80 Personal Computers for 160 attendees, as well as extra chairs to sit and observe the session
Birds of a Feather Networking Sessions

- Bursars and Business Officers
- Experimental Sites Initiative – Creating and Expanding Work-and-Learn Opportunities using FWS Funds
- Experimental Sites Initiative - Second Chance Pell
- Minority-Serving Institutions: Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs)
- Minority-Serving Institutions: Tribal Colleges and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNHSIs)
Birds of a Feather Networking Sessions

- Minority-Serving Institutions: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)
- Community Colleges
- Graduate and Professional Schools
- Proprietary Institutions
- Audits of Institutions Receiving Title IV Funds
Visit the Resource Center*

18 booths replete with subject matter experts!
- Ask-a-Fed
- Ask-a-Fed for Foreign Schools
- Clery Act
- Cohort Default Rate Operations Team
- COD System
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Default Prevention
- ECSI – Federal Perkins Loan Servicer
- ED OIG Audit Team

*Closed during the General Sessions
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17 booths replete with subject matter experts!

- Electronic Application for Approval (E-App)
- Experimental Sites Initiative
- Federal Loan Servicers
- Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC)
- FSA E-Training Website

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- NSLDS®
- Next Gen Exploration Corner
- OIG – Fraud Awareness
- SAIG Enrollment, EDE Express, Participation Management (PM), FAA Access to Central Processing System (CPS) Online

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Financial Aid Night

• Tonight for students and parents at Reno High School from 6-7:30 p.m.
• Informational session
• Financial aid experts will provide an overview of the federal financial aid process and answer any questions about college financing
Logistical Tips

• Get familiar with RSCC map
• Plan smart for General Sessions
• Check location of your next session
• Use 15/20-minute breaks between each session
• Have back-up session choices
• Consider alternative time slot
• Wear comfortable shoes – You’ll walk a lot
• Get outside for some fresh air
Logistical Tips

• Relax
• Be friendly
• Make a new contact and stay in touch
• Visit the Resource Center
• Ask questions
• Don’t be intimidated
• Start or continue the journey of becoming a *Title IV* expert
• Print your boarding pass on Thursday or Friday at on-site registration desk or in hotel lobby
Questions and Answers