



# MONTHLY Professional Learning SERIES

## 2024-2025

TEXAS ONCOURSE

The Texas OnCourse Professional Learning Series offers free digital learning opportunities focused on college and career planning. Participants can connect with colleagues and learn from expert guest speakers on counseling and advising topics. This year, each session will conclude with a 30-minute optional Q&A with our contributors, providing a chance to discuss thoughts and questions relevant to college and career advising. Join us live to continue the conversation!

### Who should attend?

Middle and high school educators, advisors, counselors, administrators, and higher education staff

### Registration details:

The webinars will take place on Zoom on the second Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (CST).

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Fall 2024:	Spring 2025:
Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12	Feb. 11, March 11, May 13



### August 13, 2024:

#### [The New ApplyTexas Application Is Ready!](#)

The ApplyTexas application has a completely fresh new look with an enhanced student experience. Your students can apply to Texas colleges and universities with an application system that has been streamlined and simplified and is already live. This will be an extended two-hour session where our staff will highlight student navigation and the Counselor Suite.



### September 10, 2024:

#### [College Readiness Examined: A Closer Look at Assessments](#)

The Texas OnCourse team is excited to talk about the SAT, ACT, and TSIA2 in this highly requested webinar. We want to make sure you are equipped with the tools and tips necessary to help your students succeed when they prepare for and take these assessments. These tests are an important part of the college application process, and this session will focus on SAT and ACT score guidelines and how they relate to direct admissions. We will also discuss updates made to the TSIA2, testing strategies, and the [Texas OnCourse Academy](#) SAT and ACT professional learning modules.



**October 8, 2024:**

**Advising Students with Disabilities**

Helping students with disabilities transition into adulthood requires careful planning and support to ensure they have the skills and services needed to be successful. We will discuss transition planning and an overview of legal requirements under the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#). In addition, we will provide methods to engage family, community, and campus teams for special education students.



**November 12, 2024:**

**Dual Credit: Maximizing Your Students' Potential to Earn College Credit in High School**

Learn about how dual credit can be beneficial for your students' postsecondary success. Texas OnCourse will spotlight the [Advising All Students to Be College Ready](#) module within the Texas OnCourse Academy and help educators understand the registration process and the importance of taking college coursework in high school. We will also explore the redesigned ApplyTexas dual credit application.



**February 11, 2025:**

**The Texas First Program: Rewarding Texas' Early Graduates**

The [Texas First Program](#) is designed to keep Texas' best and brightest students on track for postsecondary success. The scholarship, awarded to those who graduate high school early and earn a Texas First Diploma, has expanded to include all public institutions of higher education in Texas. In this learning session, staff from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency will share updates and data related to the program, [FAQs](#), and [counselor steps](#) to support students through this process from start to finish.



**March 11, 2025:**

**Leveraging the Texas OnCourse College and Career Readiness Curriculum**

The [Texas OnCourse College and Career Readiness Curriculum](#) aims to introduce students to college and career topics as early as middle school. Our curriculum writers will share the structure of a lesson and teaching strategies, the curriculum scope and sequence, online student learning modules that support unit content, and how to use the Texas OnCourse Academy to enhance curriculum lessons.



**May 13, 2025:**

**Building a College and Career Readiness Culture**

Preparing students for life beyond high school involves a holistic approach. This session will provide techniques on collaborating with colleagues, families, and communities across your campus and district. We encourage you to share your fun, engaging activities and how you celebrate student success.