NACADA Concept of Academic Advising and Core Values of Academic Advising

The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) is the premier professional organization for academic advising in higher education. It promotes continual development of the theory, research, and practice of advising and provides a forum for professional development, networking, and leadership among advisors.

NACADA has created several foundational documents that lay out the guiding principles of academic advising. These documents include the Concept of Academic Advising and the Statement of Core Values. [See also separate entry for CAS Standards for Academic Advising.]

How are the NACADA Concept of Academic Advising and Core Values of Academic Advising utilized?

Any advising program can use these documents as a resource for professional development, as well as a general template to help plan, implement, revise, or assess advising operations.

The Concept of Academic Advising document addresses in general terms the curriculum, pedagogy, and student learning outcomes of academic advising.

The Core Values of Academic Advising document provides a theoretical framework to guide professional practice and reminds advisors of their responsibilities to students, colleagues, institutions, society, and themselves.

NACADA links

NACADA Clearinghouse (for additional advising resources): http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Clearinghouse/Clearinghouse-Index.aspx

NACADA (general): http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/


NACADA Core Values of Academic Advising: http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Clearinghouse/View-Articles/Core-values-of-academic-advising.aspx

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