

SPRING FINANCIAL AID TRAINING

Starting this spring, College Assist will again offer its free, four-part workshop series. The series is designed to cover financial aid office work processes from the FAFSA through withdrawal and graduation. Workshops one and two are geared toward new financial aid professionals, focusing on financial aid basics and FFELP. Workshops three and four have been designed for financial aid professionals with a solid knowledge of the topics offered in workshops one and two. We recommend participants plan to attend both workshops to follow the workflow processes to completion.

However, one-day registrations will be accepted.

College Assist training is provided at no cost and each workshop includes a complimentary continental breakfast.

Workshop 1:	From FAFSA to Completed ISIR	February 14, 2008
Workshop 2:	Needs Analysis to Award Letter	February 15, 2008
Workshop 3:	Loan Certification to Disbursement	February 28, 2008
Workshop 4:	Withdrawal to Return of Funds	February 29, 2008

For more information, visit www.college-assist.com. Choose Scheduled Trainings from the Compliance and Training link on the Schools menu, or contact Compliance and Training Officer Julia Alexander at julia.alexander@college-assist.com.

What is a cohort default rate and how is it determined?

It's not a simple formula to memorize, but it's an integral part of the work in every financial aid office. The learning brief on College Assist's Web site will help keep it all straight.

College Assist also offers a thorough entrance and exit counseling presentation. It can be customized to fit your school's needs, but also meets federal requirements, contains additional recommendations and includes speaker notes for your reference. For complete entrance counseling, provide potential borrowers with their student loan indebtedness or on the average indebtedness of Stafford and/or PLUS loan borrowers at your school. For complete exit counseling, add one more step to the entrance counseling requirements—have borrowers complete the Entrance/Exit Forms to collect current borrower information that schools are required to provide to the guaranty agency(s) listed in the student borrower's records, and then submit the information to the guarantor within 60 days.

For more information, visit www.college-assist.com/02_schools_03_financial_04_reference_tools.html.