



A Program of the Board of Regents

Connect **2** SUCCESS





What is **CONNECT2SUCCESS?**

Connect2Success was created as a component to further LOSFA's mission to be the first choice for college access by promoting, preparing for, and providing equity of college access to the students of Louisiana. Connect2Success will operate from Fall 2019 to Summer 2023.

Program **GOALS**

- 1 Increase postsecondary enrollment and success by facilitating year-round experiential learning opportunities to promote postsecondary programs and the careers they lead into, clearly exposing students to the link between academics and careers.**
 - Experiential learning opportunities will develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities students need to be successful in the classroom and in the career of their choice. This includes career planning, soft skill development, job shadowing, internships, work-based learning projects, and discipline/career specific workshops/labs.
- 2 Expand supported dual-enrollment and/or credentialing opportunities for students by implementing comprehensive tutoring, mentoring, and other wraparound services.**
 - Pair wraparound services with additional experiential learning opportunities to validate match and fit and promote relevance by connecting curricula to careers.
 - Provide professional development opportunities for students, including soft skill development, leadership development, and other college and career readiness knowledge/skill development opportunities.
- 3 Increase 7th year services to support Louisiana GEAR UP/Louisiana Field Outreach Services students who are transitioning into their first year of postsecondary education/training and provide continued support to them during that first year by providing wraparound supportive services and on-going experiential learning opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and abilities students need to be successful in the classroom and in the career of their choice.**
- 4 Through professional development opportunities, increase student achievement and college and career readiness by improving knowledge and skills of district staff, postsecondary partner staff, pre-service teachers, LOSFA On-Site School Coordinators (OSSC's), Louisiana GEAR UP Explorers' Club Sponsors, counselors, and other district/school personnel (i.e., principals, teachers, etc.) As applicable, participants who successfully complete professional development courses are awarded with Continuing Education Units (CEU's) through a partnership with LOSFA and the Louisiana Counseling Association.**
 - Postsecondary partner provided sessions targeting teachers and support staff focusing on design thinking and STEM content, specifically National Integrated Cyber Education Research Center's (NICERC) Cyber Curriculum through the Cyber Innovation Center, the OpenSciEd science curriculum, and the ITEEA STEM Education curriculum.
 - Postsecondary partner provided sessions for teachers and support staff focusing on the importance of Positive Psychology and cultivating strategies to engage students in Positive Psychology practices.
 - Provide lab internship opportunities to motivated high school students and to freshman Louisiana GEAR UP students attending postsecondary partner institutions.
 - Provide training through the LOSFA Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Go Alliance Academy utilizing an in-person and/or online professional development platform that aims to strengthen college and career advisement for students by providing school counselors, postsecondary advisors, teachers, and principals with new and relevant knowledge.
 - Provide other LOSFA specialized training and advanced professional learning opportunities to keep abreast of the latest industry trends in career training programs and college and career readiness.



Who is **ELIGIBLE?**

- Louisiana Public Colleges & Universities
- Louisiana State Programs

What **SERVICES** are Included?

Partners will provide these services and/or major components throughout the year in participating Louisiana Field Outreach Services and/or Louisiana GEAR UP schools. The curriculum for all experiential learning opportunities, summer programs and other major components include all or some of the following components:

- Academic success skills coupled with experiential learning
 - Critical thinking, problem-solving, and leadership skills
 - Career exploration and planning
 - Career-readiness skills involving work etiquette and common work skills including business writing, resume workshops, communications training, etc.
 - Hands-on activities related to postsecondary programs and/or careers
 - Financial literacy educational opportunities
 - Social and self-awareness skills that promote success in the workforce
 - Cultural competency
 - Integrated business and industry visits
 - Job shadowing
 - Dual enrollment
 - Comprehensive tutoring and mentoring
 - Business/Resume writing workshops, and communications training
- And MORE!

Why Partner with **LOSFA?**

- 1** Increased exposure, awareness and enrollment in partner academic programs
- 2** Increased funding for student recruitment and community engagement efforts
- 3** Increased partnerships with local business and industry leaders
- 4** Direct access to the 11,000+ student Louisiana GEAR UP cohort
- 5** Amplified advertisement and marketing of events services and academic programs

