



**The ASPIRA Association
Academic Advisors Professional Development Program**

Course Title: What is ASPIRA?
Course Number: AAT – 101

Course Description:

After completing this course ASPIRA Academic Advisors will know ASPIRA's history, mission, programs, governance and organizational vision and strategic direction. Advisors will be able apply the ASPIRA Process throughout their interventions with clients. Through the application of this process Advisors will support the organization in implementing its mission.

Course Duration: 10 hours

Course Outline:

Goal	Learning Objectives	Learning Activities	Learning Resources
Advisors will know ASPIRA's history and mission.	Understand the historical and social context that framed the organization of the ASPIRA movement.	Study ASPIRA's history; recognize our founders' educational philosophy and vision. Summarize in your own words what is the ASPIRA process and its relation with the critical thinking process.	Visit ASPIRA's web page: About Us and learn about the history, structure and function of the organization.

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		<p>The advisor should familiarize with the historical /context of their students. It's important to make students understand that they come from a rich culture and that it's their point of departure. This notion will help the development of their self-esteem.</p> <p>What relationship ASPIRA's history and mission has in reference to the Puerto Rican diaspora and the economic and educational process of the Island.</p>	<p>To learn some basic aspects of the history of some of the countries of origin of our students and families study the following web sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puerto Rico • Mexico • Dominican Republic • Colombia • Cuba • Haiti • El Salvador • Venezuela <p>Watch the videos Mi Puerto Rico and El Legado; these should be available at your associate / affiliate office</p>
<p>Advisors will recognize ASPIRA's national and local programs.</p>	<p>Know ASPIRA's programs and their relationship to the organizational mission statement</p>	<p>Advisors will learn about ASPIRA's national programs.</p>	<p>Visit web page: ASPIRA Programs</p>
		<p>Advisors will learn about ASPIRA's clubs structure and function.</p>	<p>Visit the ASPIRA clubs web page and learn about the role of the Club Advisor in this program. In addition visit the Youth Development web site to learn about our youth development curriculum.</p>

Evaluation:

After completing the above learning activities, the Academic Advisor will prepare a two-page essay presenting their interpretation of ASPIRA's mission and how their role as academic advisors can support the organizational mission and vision. Please take into consideration the organization historical context, structure and function. This essay will become part of the Advisor training evaluation portfolio.

Other papers to be developed as part of this workshop learning activities must be made part of Advisor training evaluation portfolio.

