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Responses to Frequently Asked Questions About

The National Association for Developmental Education

Mission

NADE seeks to improve the theory and practice of developmental education at all levels of the educational spectrum, the professional capabilities of developmental educators, and the design of programs to prepare developmental educators.

Purpose

NADE focuses on the academic success of students by providing professional development, supporting student learning, providing public leadership, disseminating exemplary models of practice, coordinating efforts with other organizations, facilitating communication among developmental education professionals, and anticipating trends.

NADE Motto

Helping underprepared students prepare, prepared students advance, advanced students excel

NADE Logo

The wing in the NADE logo symbolizes our belief that the skills for learning are the wings of freedom.

Definition of Developmental Education

Developmental education is a comprehensive process that focuses on the intellectual, social, and emotional growth and development of all students. Developmental education includes, but is not limited to, tutoring, personal/career counseling, academic advisement, and coursework.

Goals of Developmental Education

- ◆ To provide educational opportunity for all individuals, appropriate to their needs, goals, and abilities
- ◆ To enhance the retention of students
- ◆ To ensure proper placement by assessing levels of academic preparedness
- ◆ To develop skills and attitudes necessary for the attainment of academic, career, and life goals
- ◆ To maintain academic standards while helping learners to acquire competencies needed for success in academic coursework
- ◆ To promote the development and application of cognitive and affective learning theory
- ◆ To facilitate partnerships between educators, employers, and the community at large

History

NADE was founded in 1976 in Chicago as the National Association for Remedial/Developmental Studies in Postsecondary Education. NADE established its first local chapter in New York City in 1979. That same year NADE membership increased to more than 1200. The *Journal of Developmental Education* became the official journal of the association, and awards were established for outstanding service. The organization officially became NADE in 1984. The association's conferences added pre- and post-conference institutes and more exhibitors. Increased revenues enabled expansion of committee activities, revenue sharing with chapters, and communications and services to members. Recent initiatives include international involvement, political liaison efforts, self-assessment guidelines, secondary/postsecondary partnerships, and certification processes for developmental education programs.

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Membership includes approximately 3000 members, with 31 chapters representing all 50 states. The annual conference attracts 1300 - 1600 members each year, while over 4000 chapter members attend state and regional conferences. NADE supports 14 awards and four scholarships; NADE's committee structure involves over 100 volunteers to carry on the business of the association. Seventeen *Special Professional Interest Networks* (SPINs) provide opportunities for growth in specializations.

Services to Members

- ◆ Journals, digests, newsletters, and other materials
- ◆ Conferences and workshops at both the national and regional level
- ◆ Special interest networks that provide opportunities to become more skilled in specialties
- ◆ Jobs clearinghouse for information concerning developmental education job opportunities
- ◆ Political liaison network – sharing information with legislators and other policy makers
- ◆ Networking opportunities at conferences
- ◆ Leadership opportunities at the chapter and national level
- ◆ Awards programs to recognize individual, departmental, and chapter achievements
- ◆ Publication/presentation opportunities in newsletters, digests, journals, and at conferences
- ◆ Financial grants to support graduate education and to conduct research

2011 National Conference – Washington, D.C. February 23-26, 2011

NADE will host its second Board-sponsored Conference, this time in Washington, D.C. at the Marriott Wardman-Park Hotel, replete in interesting history, having served as a site for inaugural balls and diplomatic functions. The strength of the program will ensure that you will want to make the Conference the focus of your stay, as always, but will also allow you the luxury of exploring our Nation's Capital City, with the convenience of the Metro at the back door of the hotel. Accessibility is key to maximizing the experiences this conference will afford. As attendees enjoy "Capitalizing on Developmental Education," they will undoubtedly take away more than they bring intellectually and emotionally to NADE's thirty-fifth annual conference.

Certification

NADE Certification recognizes programs that meet or exceed criteria of good practices as defined by professional research and literature of the field. The program components eligible for certification are: tutoring services, course-based learning assistance, and developmental coursework. The certification process requires that a program component demonstrate the use of quality practices by submitting a theoretical framework, the results of a systematic self-study using the *NADE Self-Evaluation Guides* and evaluation data that confirms the program component is meeting its goals and objectives.

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