



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

Course Title: What is ASPIRA?
Course Number: AAT – 102

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. In addition, the academic advisor will be able to facilitate the [Overview of ASPIRA](#) module of the ASPIRA Clubs Curriculum.

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: What is ASPIRA and learn about the history, structure and function of the organization. Watch the video The ASPIRA Process presented by Dr. Antonia Pantoja.

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		Learn about the Puerto Rican historical context. What relationship ASPIRA's history and mission has in reference to the Puerto Rican diaspora and the economic and educational process of the Island.	Study the chronological history of Puerto Rico learn how the island geography, its history and culture shaped our students. Watch the videos Mi Puerto Rico and El Legado
Advisors will recognize ASPIRA's national and local programs.	Know ASPIRA's programs and their relationship to the organizational mission statement	Advisors will learn about ASPIRA's national programs.	Visit web page: ASPIRA Programs
		Advisors will learn about ASPIRA's clubs structure and function.	Visit the ASPIRA clubs web page and learn about the role of the Club Advisor in this program.
Advisors will understand ASPIRA's governance and strategic direction.	Recognize the organizational corporate structure and governing bodies.	Advisors will study ASPIRA's Articles of Association, which governs the association and the ASPIRA National Board of Directors By-Laws in order to understand the structure and function of the organization..	Visit the web page: ASPIRA Associates and study the Articles of Association section . Visit the web page: ASPIRA Associates and study the Association By-laws section .

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.