



## **NYSSCA Conference 2010**

**November 5-6, 2010**

**The DoubleTree Tarrytown**

**Tarrytown, New York**

### **“School Counselors: Professional Identities and Transformation”**

With the many changing roles and practices in education today, school counselors need to continue their quest for a clear professional identity in order to serve their students to the best of their abilities. The NYSSCA 2010 Annual Conference continues to offer school counselors opportunities for professional development in a variety of areas. Workshops will cover “Best Practice” methods and research at all school levels (P-16). Workshops will be decided by May 2010 and listed on our website for your viewing. The registration form and hotel reservation form will also be posted on our website and sent to members of NYSSCA electronically. Whether you are a graduate student, new school counselor, or a seasoned vet, come join us in Tarrytown for the most comprehensive conference for school counselors in the state.

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## **NYSSCA Pre-Conference Opportunities**

**November 4, 2010**

**The DoubleTree Tarrytown - Tarrytown, New York**

**Check out these opportunities offered on our Pre-Conference Day!**

(Additional fees apply for Pre-Conferences: Breakfast and Lunch is included for all Registrants)

### **★ NYSSCA and NYIT Offer You an Opportunity to EARN 3 Graduate Credits While Attending the NYSSCA Conference November 4-6 (Tuition to NYIT is separate from Conference Registration Fee)**

Learn how to design, implement and evaluate a comprehensive school counseling programs in a hybrid (face to face and online) delivery system. You will attend a specific conference strand on the NYSSCA Model, complete the remaining assignments by December 10, and be ready to begin to implement your comprehensive school counseling program in the spring of 2011.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

##### **EDCO 640 School Counseling Programs: Development, Implementation and Evaluation**

Participants will explore the content and process for the implementation of 21st century school counseling programs that are comprehensive, developmental in design and based on the national standards for school counseling programs. Through the use of needs assessments, school report cards, high school profiles and other achievement and student-based data, course participants will identify elementary, middle and high school priorities for their school counseling programs. Consultation and collaboration models will be used to integrate the educational reform agenda, the NYS Learning Standards, and student skills and knowledge with

school counseling program priorities, strategies and accountability. Participants will work closely with other school counseling practitioners to gain an understanding of professional identity.

Schedule: Pre-Conference (Nov 4) full day class with assigned conference strands during the conference (Nov. 5-6) on specific comprehensive school counseling topics. Program details are subject to change.

## **NYSSCA Pre-Conference for Graduate Students and New Counselors**

This one day professional development workshop precedes the NYSSCA conference and is designed for school counseling graduate students, recent graduates, and new counselors. School counselors serve a vital role in maximizing student's academic achievement, personal-social adaptation, and career development. Professional counselors must balance their various roles as clinicians, coordinators, consultants, advocates, and leaders. The goals of the workshop are not only to provide students and recent graduates with strategies for obtaining employment, but to also establish a foundation upon which to build meaningful careers as effective professionals.

The workshop will address various *early career issues* such as:

- (a) the transition from the role of graduate student to professional school counselor
- (b) job hunting and creating employment opportunities
- (c) resume writing & interview strategies
- (d) establishing your professional roles in the new position
- (e) resources and information for new and emerging counselors
- (f) planning & building your career path in school counseling

Be sure to *bring a copy of your resume and sample cover letters* since there will be opportunities for a practicing professional to review them. There will also be opportunities to practice your skills in *mock interviews*. Program details are subject to change.

## **NYSSCA College Counseling Pre-Conference 2010**

As national and state policy makers sharpen their focus on outcome measures in assessing the efficacy of P-16 education, the role of school counseling in effectively transitioning all learners to post-secondary outcomes becomes increasingly critical. This preconference will assist school counselors in enhancing their college counseling skills to maximize student success. ASCA Vice President for Secondary Schools and NEACAC immediate Past President, Bob Bardwell will deliver our keynote, "College Admissions 2010: The Good, the Bad or the Ugly." We'll continue the discussion with a presentation on how to incorporate NYSSCA/ASCA Model-based outcome measures in effective college counseling programs. The morning concludes with a panel of college admissions officers, giving participants an opportunity to hear from and question colleagues from "the other side!" A full luncheon is included in this preconference. The afternoon will be spent visiting area colleges and meeting with admissions staff. This college tour is only open to paid participants in the college counseling preconference. Certificates of Attendance will be issued by NYSSCA for this full-day training. Program details are subject to change.