



# NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## **Understanding & Supporting Transfer Student Success** **July 6-31, 2026**

### **Course Description:**

Transfer students are a significant and growing undergraduate population on campuses across the U.S. Promoting transfer student success requires institutional agents to understand and support students' navigation of the transfer process and their acclimation to new institutions. As such, this course will provide foundational information about transfer, including national trends in transfer. Participants will also explore characteristics of transfer students, assets they bring with them to their institutions, and institutional barriers that impact their success. Participants will engage in learning activities and create equity-minded actionable plans that reinforce support for transfers.

### **Course Objectives:**

As a part of this course, participants will:

- Understand national trends, literature, and data associated with student transfer
- Examine and understand the characteristics and assets of transfer and transfer-intending students
- Explore common tools and practices institutions use to meet transfer students needs
- Evaluate the ways in which programs or initiatives may or may not support transfer students' transitions, engagement, and success during the transfer process
- Develop equity-minded strategies for promoting transfer student success within and across institutions, including through pathways, initiatives, and policies

**\*No textbook is required for this course\***