National Freshman Success Institute

Over the last 15 years, Chicago has dramatically increased high school graduation rates. Freshman success strategies are the key.

Join the UChicago Network for College Success for an immersive five-day professional learning experience designed for principals, district leaders, teachers, counselors, and staff seeking to deepen their support of freshman students' journey through high school and onto successful young adulthood.

Through the institute, participating teams...

- Explore a comprehensive approach to freshman year that strengthens participants' ability to maintain student momentum towards graduation and success post-graduation
- Engage with student-centered and data-informed approaches to Freshman Success work within NCS-partnered Chicago Public High Schools, including demo visits to certain schools to see the work in action
- Work to develop new mindsets for effective leadership, high-quality instruction, and a collaborative environment that fosters holistic student growth

The Network for College Success (NCS) at the University of Chicago works to cultivate postsecondary readiness and success for all students by translating research into practice and supporting high school leaders to organize their schools for improvement and innovation.

Register Now!

- Early Registration: May 13, 2026
- Registration Deadline: June 3, 2026

Dates

- June 24 - 26, 2026
- October 8 - 9, 2026

Location

- University of Chicago

Cost & Participation

- $3,000 per person if registering by early deadline
- $3,500 per person if registering by final deadline
- $3,000 per person if registering as a team of 5 or more
- $2,500 per person if registering as a team of 12 or more

NCS recommends attending as a team of at least three educators. Principals are highly encouraged to register as well as freshman teacher leaders, counselors, and educators with data experience (proficient in Excel).

Cost includes breakfast and lunch each day and all materials.

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