The Postsecondary National Policy Institute’s
2019 HEOA Boot Camp

WHAT IS THE HEOA BOOT CAMP?
PNPI’s Higher Education Opportunity Act Boot Camp (Boot Camp) is designed to provide up-and-coming policymakers who currently work in federal higher education policy with a foundational understanding of the majority of titles in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). What makes this boot camp different from others? We are focusing on the non–Title IV titles — everything “else” that is in higher ed!

WHY FOCUS ON TITLES OTHER THAN FEDERAL STUDENT AID?
PNPI and many other organizations in town already offer a wide variety of briefings and boot camps covering federal student aid throughout the year. What’s been missing is a concerted effort to focus in one place, at one time, on the other HEOA titles. Covering these pieces together allows a unique opportunity to consider each title on its own and to consider how each title interacts with federal student aid and other titles.

WHAT DO THESE OTHER TITLES COVER?
Among the many programs and policies covered in the other seven titles are teacher quality, Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), international education, graduate education, the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), and general provisions that include key requirements for the types of institutions that qualify to receive federal student aid. This is not an exhaustive list — much more will be covered!

WHO HAS THE BOOT CAMP BEEN CREATED FOR?
The Boot Camp is designed for individuals working in government or 501(c) nonprofits who are relatively new to federal higher education policy (individuals who have been in the federal postsecondary policy field for five years or less).

WHAT CAN PARTICIPANTS EXPECT TO GET OUT OF THE BOOT CAMP?
Boot Camp participants will receive a thorough overview of Titles I-III and V-VIII of the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

WHAT DOES THE BOOT CAMP CONSIST OF?
Each session will provide an overview of one to two titles and include discussions about the issues related to the title(s) being taught. Sessions are designed to provide a nonpartisan, education-only forum in which to learn. Sessions are closed-door, off the record, and will be considered social media–free zones to maximize learning and frank discussions.
HOW DO I APPLY TO THE BOOT CAMP?
All applicants must fill out an application for admission, submit a short personal essay explaining how the Boot Camp will support their work, and submit a nomination form from their workplace supervisor. There is no cost to apply for, or participate in, the Boot Camp. Applications are due by 5:00 PM ET Friday, April 12th. No late submissions will be considered. Admissions decisions will be made and communicated by Friday, May 3rd.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I QUALIFY TO APPLY?
You qualify to apply if:
- You work for the federal government or a 501(c) nonprofit;
- You work on federal higher education issues; and
- You have worked on federal postsecondary policy issues for less than five years.

HOW MUCH DOES THE BOOT CAMP COST?
There is no cost to participate in this Boot Camp.

WHEN IS THE BOOT CAMP BEING HELD?
The Boot Camp will meet four times (8:45 AM – 12:00 PM) in June. Session dates are:

- Friday, June 7th
- Friday, June 14th
- Friday, June 21st
- Friday, June 28th

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BOOT CAMP ENDS?
Post-event, all participants who have attended at least three sessions will be given continued access to a class Dropbox containing speaker presentations, session materials, and speaker and participant contact information. Participants who have attended all four Boot Camp sessions will be eligible to receive a free digital badge. Issued through the Acclaim platform, badges can be added to participants’ LinkedIn profiles and social media platforms, and shared with employers.

CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE SESSIONS?
A list of the sessions is below. Additional information on each session can be found on the HEOA agenda on the HEOA Boot Camp’s website.

- June 7th: Title I: General Provisions (including FSA/PBO, NACIQI, and college cost)
- June 14th: Title II: Teacher Quality Enhancement & Title VI: International Education Programs
- June 21st: Title III: Institutional Aid & Title V: Developing Institutions
- June 28th: Title VII: Graduate and Postsecondary Improvement Programs & Title VIII: Additional Programs
WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?
If you have additional questions, please visit the HEOA Boot Camp page on our website or email us at pnpi@pnpi.org. The Boot Camp application can be downloaded here.