

## Course Outline

## **Course Learning Objectives**

- Provide an overview of FSA and how families pay for college;
- Deepen understanding of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the student aid index (SAI);
- Provide participants with an overview of the Federal Pell Grant Program;
- Review the types of federal student loans;
- Provide an overview of student debt, including information on how much students are borrowing;
- Introduce participants to how a borrower's debt and default patterns intersect with socioeconomic status, race, type of institution attended, amount borrowed, and post graduation income; and
- Increase participants' understanding of student loan repayment.

## Modules

All modules will be made available to participants to work on asynchronously on their own time and at their own pace in the online course platform. Each module includes a short video, readings, and an assessment.

**Federal Student Aid (FSA) Overview:** This module will provide an overview of federal student aid and how families pay for college.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Federal Methodology: This module will explain what the FAFSA and the student aid index (SAI) are and review why they are important and how they are used.

**The Federal Pell Grant Program:** This module will provide participants with an overview of the Federal Pell Grant Program.

**Federal Student Loans:** This module will review the types of federal student loans and the eligibility requirements for each type of loan; increase participants' understanding of who they serve, and review the impact they have on access and completion.

**Federal Student Loan Debt:** This module will provide an overview of student debt; deepen participants' understanding of student loan borrowing patterns and student loan debt; and introduce participants to how various demographic factors intersect with a borrower's debt and default patterns.

**Federal Student Loan Default:** This module will deepen participants' understanding of delinquency and default, including how borrowers enter delinquency and default; explain how deferments and forbearances work; and review which types of borrowers struggle most in repaying their loans.

**Federal Loan Repayment:** This module will increase participants' understanding of the federal student loan repayment programs; deepen participants' understanding of how many and what types of borrowers participate in each plan; and increase participants' understanding of how the current repayment plans differ,