MNADE CONFERENCE 2021

*DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION: EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION*

September 24th, 2021, at Saint Cloud State University

**CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS**

The Executive Board of MNADE is thrilled to be able to invite proposals for the annual conference, September 24th, 2021, at Saint Cloud State University. Due to the pandemic, we took a year off from holding the annual conference; however, the challenges faced by developmental education did not respect the pandemic and pause as we did. On the contrary, the past year and a half have amplified and exacerbated the obstacles our students face, the pressures our educators face, and the systemic racism and equity gaps inherent throughout our education system.

Therefore, this year’s conference will focus on developmental education as a critical point of access and for all students to equitably experience the transformative power of education. We are looking for proposals in any of the following areas: Math, English, Reading, ESL, tutoring, counseling/advising, online/distance success strategies, and ways in which college and K12 educators are collaborating and innovating to enable access points for students navigating education in these uncharted waters. So, as we send our call for proposals this year, we would like to begin with a unifying position:

MNADE affirms that Developmental education is the critical point of access to higher education success for many students. As such, MNADE's position states:

* **Developmental education is NOT the enemy of equity**
* **Eliminating developmental education means also eliminating the opportunity for many to experience the transformative power of education**
* **Developmental educators are creative, dynamic innovators**
* **Success for ALL students is the ultimate goal for developmental educators**

Therefore, we invite proposals that demonstrate:

* **Innovative approaches to curriculum in reading, writing, math, and ESL that are reaching students and helping them succeed**
* **Partnerships with faculty in disciplines and departments outside of developmental education**
* **Strategies for communicating what developmental education IS and what it is NOT to other stakeholders on your campuses**
* **Faculty-driven research on students, programs, course sequences, or other projects that inform the direction of developmental education on your campus**
* **Innovative partnerships with student affairs, counselors and advisors, TRIO-SSS, ABE, tutoring centers, diversity officers, K-12 educators and other groups that support students**
* **Methods that are showing promise in providing more accurate placement of students**
* **Ways of addressing inequity in all its forms**

In other words, we are interested in hearing about any efforts to build equitable access, especially for those students who have differing opportunities for access and success in higher education.

**Proposals should include names of presenters, a primary contact person (including phone, address, and e-mail), session title, a brief description of the proposed presentation (100 words maximum), and short two-three sentence presenter biographies suitable for submission in the conference program. Please indicate your audiovisual needs; projectors are on-site, but we recommend that presenters bring their own laptops.**

**To submit a proposal, please complete the 2021 Conference Proposal Form.**

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Proposal close date: July 31st, 2021