



Align and Shine **Nevada**



Background

Nevada currently lacks uniform concurrent enrollment practices. This has created mixed messages for high school counselors, students, and families; inconsistent academic standards; equity and access issues; limitations with measuring program effectiveness on a statewide scale; and concerns from legislators about the lack of coordination among Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions. Additionally, at the recent NSHE Board workshop on July 11-12, 2024, during a strategic planning session, Board Chair Amy Carvalho expressed a desire for NSHE to establish greater congruity among NSHE institutions in the concurrent enrollment space.

Based on these issues, the NSHE and Nevada Department of Education (NDE) will establish a policy advisory group – Align and Shine Nevada – to develop proposed NSHE concurrent enrollment policy and procedures. Align and Shine Nevada will consist of K-12 and higher education professionals. Daniel Archer, NSHE Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, and Felicia Gonzales, NDE Education Consultant, will serve as co-chairs of Align and Shine Nevada.

Charge

Align and Shine Nevada will develop a proposed policy-based NSHE concurrent enrollment framework that provides a clear structure; enhances process clarity; and promotes access, student success, and program completion. This will create a more cohesive, equitable, and robust concurrent enrollment system for Nevada high school students.

Focus Areas

Align and Shine Nevada will address the following concurrent enrollment issues when developing the NSHE policy and procedures:

- Admissions and Retention Standards;
- Quality Assurance Standards;
- Collegiate Experience Standards;
- High School Instructor Support Standards;
- Student Wrap-Around Support Standards;
- Instructor Qualifications;
- Identifying Free and Reduced Lunch Students for Billing Purposes; and
- Data Collection and Analysis.

Timeline

Align and Shine Nevada will begin regularly convening in September 2024. The group will complete its work by early Spring 2025.