



To: NJ Institutions of Higher Education
From: NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
Date: April 16, 2025
Subject: Registration Open: Statewide Some College, No Degree Virtual Convening

The New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education will be hosting a spring statewide ‘Some College, No Degree’ virtual convening on **Thursday, May 29, from 9:30am-12:30pm**. This convening will include engaging presentations from ReUp, Ithaka S+R and peer institutions about the State’s ‘Some College, No Degree’ initiative and lessons learned.

Registration Now Open

We recommend a diverse team of New Jersey higher education practitioners and administrators register to learn from and strategize on best practices and policies for their institution. Recommended functional areas include, but are not limited to: enrollment management, institutional research, financial aid, student support services, military and veteran’s services, and teaching and learning.

As capacity may be limited, we strongly recommend registering in advance:

https://oshe-nj.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/fwSoAREdS_WP71Oi15UEXQ

Abbreviated Agenda

9:30am – 9:45am	Welcome & Opening Remarks <i>Office of the Secretary of Higher Education</i>
9:45am – 10:40am	Coaching: Supporting Learners, Driving Results <i>ReUp Education</i> Discover how ReUp’s coaching empowers SCND learners with personalized support, helping them re-enroll, persist, and achieve their educational goals.
10:40am - 10:45am	<i>Virtual Break</i>
10:45am - 11:30am	Addressing Enrollment Barriers for Students with Some College, No Degree: Data, Policies, and Solutions <i>Ithaka S+R</i> This session will present preliminary data from a collaborative research project between NJ OSHE and Ithaka S+R to help better understand the challenges students and institutions face when students with SCND have past due balances and want to enroll.

11:30am – 12:15pm	<p>Breakout Sessions:</p> <p>Unlocking Insights: Data Collection, Analysis, and Sharing Strategies for Adult Learners <i>Moderated by Dr. Thomas Zimmerman, OSHE</i> The discussion will include best practices for data collection and analysis, as well as provide insight into how institutional researchers strategically communicate their findings on the adult learner experience to various stakeholders.</p> <p>From Stagnation to Success: How Policy Adjustments Can Support ‘Some College, No Degree’ Students <i>Moderated by Dr. Stefani Thachik, OSHE</i> This panel will explore how institutions have reflected on and adjusted policies to better support SCND students by enhancing access, flexibility, and opportunities for success.</p> <p>From Pause to Progress: Engagement Supports that Contribute to Student Persistence <i>Moderated by Dr. Donna Rogalski, OSHE</i> Students returning to college need various supports to re-navigate their new academic environment and with the help of specialized programs and coaching, they are persisting. Hear from your peers about promising practices that are contributing to student progress.</p>
12:15pm – 12:30pm	<p>Key Takeaways and Closing <i>Office of the Secretary of Higher Education</i></p>

For questions regarding the SCND initiative or this virtual convening, please reach out to Stefani Thachik, Stefani.Thachik@oshe.nj.gov.