



## THIRTY YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The **Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS)** has been the pre-eminent force for promoting standards in student affairs, student services, and student development programs since its inception in 1979. For the ultimate purpose of fostering and enhancing student learning, development, and achievement and in general to promote good citizenship, CAS continues to create and deliver a dynamic line of products that are designed to lead to a host of quality-controlled programs and services.

These standards respond to real-time student needs, the requirements of sound pedagogy, and the effective management of currently 40 areas consistent with institutional missions. Individuals and institutions from the 36 CAS member organizations comprise a professional constituency of more than 100,000 professionals. Representing a significant majority of higher education practitioners in student programs and services throughout the country and beyond, no other body exists that so comprehensively speaks for this important field of endeavor.

CAS will continue to have significant impact, especially as institutional effectiveness, student learning, outcomes assessment, accountability, and quality assurance become increasingly important to higher education.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAS Mission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promulgate standards and guidelines for practice and preparation</li> <li>• Promote assessment in educational practice</li> <li>• Promote the use of standards in practice</li> <li>• Promote quality assurance within higher education</li> </ul> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAS Self-Assessment Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish and Prepare Self-assessment Team</li> <li>• Initiate Self Study</li> <li>• Identify and Summarize Evaluative Evidence</li> <li>• Identify Discrepancies</li> <li>• Determine Appropriate Corrective Action</li> <li>• Recommend Steps for Program Enhancement</li> <li>• Prepare an Action Plan</li> </ul> |
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAS Standards and Guidelines</b> The “MUSTS” and the “SHOULD”</p>
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### CAS Publications and Resources

- **CAS Professional Standards for Higher Education (6<sup>th</sup> Edition)** introduced five new functional areas of standards and guidelines for: *College Honor Societies, Education Abroad Programs, Service-Learning Programs, Internship Programs, and Health Promotion Services.*
- **Frameworks for Assessing Learning and Development Outcomes (FALDOs)** Gives definition to the 16 student learning domains, reviews relevant research, and provides the practitioner with examples of research questions and concomitant research instruments for conducting assessment activities.
- **Version 3.3 of the Self-Assessment Guides (SAGs) CD** contains all the **SAGs** and functional area standards and guidelines. Individual SAGs can be purchased from [www.cas.edu](http://www.cas.edu).

### CAS Learning and Developmental Outcomes

(an integration of CAS and *Learning Reconsidered* Outcomes)

- \* Knowledge acquisition, construction, integration, and application
- \* Cognitive Complexity
- \* Intrapersonal Development
- \* Interpersonal Competence
- \* Humanitarianism and Civic Engagement
- \* Practical Competence

### CAS Standards Updates

**New Standards (Since 6<sup>th</sup> Edition):** Adult Learners Programs and Services - Auxiliary Services Programs - Dining Services – Graduate and Professional Student Programs and Services - Undergraduate Research Programs

**Revised Standards (Since 6<sup>th</sup> Edition):** Assessment Services - Campus Activities Program – General Standards - Health Promotion Services - International Student Programs and Services - Internship Programs - Learning Assistance Programs - Multicultural Student Programs and Services – Recreational Sports Programs – Registrar Programs and Services– TRIO and Other Educational Opportunity Programs

**Anticipated Revised Standards (2009):** Admissions – College Unions - Counseling Services - Financial Aid - Student Leadership

### CAS Standards Included in the 6th Edition (2006)

1. Academic Advising \*
2. Admission Programs
3. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Programs
4. Campus Activities Programs
5. Campus Information and Visitor Services
6. Campus Religious & Spiritual Programs \*
7. Career Services
8. Clinical Health Services \*
9. College Honor Societies \*
10. College Unions
11. Commuter and Off-Campus Living Programs \*
12. Conference and Events Programs
13. Counseling Services
14. Disability Support Services
15. Distance Education Programs
16. Educ. Abroad Programs and Services \*
17. Financial Aid
18. Fraternity and Sorority Advising Programs
19. Health Promotion Services \*
20. Housing and Residential Life Programs \*
21. InterNat'l Student Programs
22. Internship Programs \*
23. Learning Assistance Programs
24. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Programs
25. Multicultural Student Programs and Services \*
26. Orientation Programs \*
27. Outcomes Assessment and Program Evaluation
28. Recreational Sports Programs
29. Registrar Programs and Services
30. Service-Learning Programs \*
31. Student Conduct Programs \*
32. Student Leadership Programs
33. TRIO and Other Educational Opportunity Programs
34. Women Student Programs \*
35. Master's Level Student Affairs Administration Preparation Programs

*\*New or Revised Since 5th Edition (2003)*

*\*7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the CAS Professional Standards for Higher Education will be available August 2009\**

**NEW \*\*FREE Download from the CAS Website\*\* NEW**  
***CAS Statement of Shared Ethics* and the *CAS Characteristics of Individual Excellence***

#### MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- Am. Assoc. for Employment in Educ. (AAEE)
- Am. College Counseling Assoc. (ACCA)
- Assoc. of Collegiate Conference & Events Directors-Int'l (ACCED-I)
- Am. College Health Assoc. (ACHA)
- Assoc. of College Honor Societies (ACHS)
- Am. College Personnel Assoc. (ACPA)
- Assoc. of College & Univ. Housing Officers - InterNat'l (ACUHO-I)
- Assoc. of College Unions InterNat'l (ACUI)
- Assoc. of Fraternity Advisors (AFA)
- Assoc. on Higher Educ. & Disability (AHEAD)
- Assoc. for Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA)
- Canadian Assoc. of College & Univ. Student Services (CACUSS)
- Collegiate Information & Visitor Services Assoc. (CIVSA)
- Council for Opportunity in Education (COE)
- College Reading and Learning Assoc. (CRLA)
- Nat'l Assoc. for Campus Activities (NACA)
- Nat'l Academic Advising Assoc. (NACADA)
- Nat'l Assoc. of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS)
- Nat'l Assoc. of Colleges and Employers (NACE)
- Nat'l Assoc. of College Stores (NACS)
- Nat'l Assoc. of College & Univ. Food Services (NACUFS)
- Nat'l Assoc. for Developmental Educ. (NADE)
- NAFSA - Assoc. of Internat'l Educators
- Nat'l Assoc. of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP)
- Nat'l Assoc. of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)
- Nat'l Assoc. of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)
- Nat'l Clearinghouse for Commuter Programs (NCCP)
- Nat'l Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs (NCLP)
- Nat'l Consortium of Directors of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources in Higher Education (Consortium)
- Nat'l Council on Student Development (NCSD)
- Nat'l Intramural and Recreational Sports Assoc. (NIRSA)
- Nat'l Orientation Directors Assoc. (NODA)
- Nat'l Society for Experiential Education (NSEE)
- Nat'l Women's Studies Assoc. (NWSA)
- The Network: Addressing Collegiate Alcohol & Other Drug Issues (The Network)
- Southern Assoc. for College Student Affairs (SACSA) – Associate Member

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