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- Discuss the roles of the Center for Career Development and Academic Exploration and how to engage students
- Understand how to make effective referrals to the Center for Career Development and Academic Exploration
- Develop a foundation for having critical career conversations with students.

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