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This session will provide you with an understanding of the impact attending a Predominately White Institution has on the mental health of students of color. After learning how profiling, discrimination, and covert and overt racism can manifest itself into anxiety, depression, and negative sense of self, we will engage in conversation about to assist students in developing coping mechanisms and discuss the importance of utilizing mental health counseling for long-term support.

Learning outcomes:

- 1. Understand how attending a Predominately White Institutions can cause mental health trauma in students of color.
- 2. Increase cultural sensitivity of PWI faculty, administrators, staff, and students to prevent covert and overt racial profiling and discriminatory behaviors towards students of color.
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