



**2024 ACTE National Postsecondary CTE Summit**  
**The Future of Postsecondary CTE**  
**Sept. 18–20, Chicago, Illinois**

What will postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) look like in five years? In 10 years? Education leaders must chart the future of postsecondary CTE to ensure that structures, systems, processes, and programming support all students and all administrators, faculty, and staff. Educators face many challenges in planning for the future: decreases in enrollment and funding, inflation, a potential economic recession, firmer mandates, policy to practice gaps, and technological advances. To address these challenges, seek to create and embrace change that will lead to more equitable access and a stronger postsecondary CTE community. This is summit is a call to action! Innovate to thrive.

This event will focus on four major themes.

**1. Promising Practices & Emerging Technologies: Scaling Opportunity**

At the Postsecondary CTE Summit, attendees will discover promising programs and emerging technologies leading to systems change in postsecondary CTE. They will explore what programming needs to be created to ensure student success. This theme will encourage participants to dissect and reconfigure the current structure of postsecondary CTE and think through ways to enhance current systems. Additionally, they will explore methods and best practices for funding high-quality CTE programs.

**2. Embedding Postsecondary CTE Within a Context of Support**

Postsecondary educators rely on the support of community partners (e.g., social service agencies, employers, public and private foundations, and nonprofit organizations) to influence student success. At the Postsecondary CTE Summit, attendees will focus on building and growing partnerships outside of academia to support student success within academia. Participants will discuss successful and innovative partnerships within postsecondary CTE and other areas to partner with in the future.

**3. The Future of Teaching and Learning in Postsecondary CTE**

At the Postsecondary CTE Summit, attendees will reflect on teaching and explore various methods, such as online learning, micro credentialing, and virtual and augmented reality. Technology can bring topics to life and immerse students in a subject, increasing engagement. While drawing upon flexible delivery methods, participants will also

explore how to sustain support for teachers and communities; this theme will focus on faculty recruitment and retention.

**4. Data and Data Interpretation: Charting Effectiveness**

Data collection in postsecondary CTE is critical to student success. Educators must collect data and document everything to analyze, improve and expand high-quality CTE. At the Postsecondary CTE Summit, attendees will learn how to put data to work for them. Participants will learn from practitioners who are already using data to advise and guide their programs and discuss additional topics like integrating data systems and systematic challenges with data collection in CTE.