Welcome to the 2025 Postsecondary CTE Summit: Future Ready – The New Era of Postsecondary CTE

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In today's rapidly changing world, postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) is more critical than ever. As we move into an era defined by emerging technologies, shifting labor markets, and evolving student needs, CTE programs are uniquely positioned to equip students with the real-world skills and knowledge they need to succeed in high-demand careers.

The 2025 Postsecondary CTE Summit is designed to bring together educators, administrators, researchers, thought leaders, and industry partners to explore the future of CTE. This year's theme, **Future Ready: The New Era of Postsecondary CTE**, focuses on reimagining how we prepare students for tomorrow's workforce. Together, we'll address the latest challenges and opportunities within CTE, from embedding industry-relevant skills to forging partnerships that support lifelong learning and adaptability.

Join us for inspiring sessions, interactive discussions, and networking opportunities that will empower you to drive innovation within your programs. Whether it's integrating AI into the curriculum, supporting faculty as mentors and leaders, building data-driven programs, or changing mindsets to advance CTE, this conference will offer the insights and tools to ensure your institution is prepared to lead in a new era of education.

Be part of the movement to make CTE Future Ready. Connect with your peers, learn from national leaders, and help shape the future of CTE for years to come. The four main themes include:

1. Embracing Disruption: Preparing Students for Emerging Roles and Industries

In an age of continuous innovation, preparing students means anticipating the next wave of in-demand careers. This theme goes beyond traditional CTE fields to consider emerging roles in areas like sustainable energy, advanced robotics, digital health, and space exploration. Attendees will explore how to identify and respond to industry disruptors, integrate interdisciplinary skills, and foster a mindset of agility and problem-solving. This approach ensures that CTE programs are positioned to prepare students not just for today, but for entirely new fields that are rapidly evolving.

2. Industry-Integrated Learning: Beyond Partnerships to Co-Creation

Moving beyond traditional partnerships, this theme emphasizes full integration with industry through collaborative program design, co-developed curricula, and shared learning spaces. Attendees will discover models for active industry involvement in the classroom—such as on-site corporate labs or company-led project cycles—that provide students with immediate, real-world application of skills. Sessions will cover strategies for overcoming barriers to deep industry collaboration and showcase examples of programs where students and industry professionals work side-by-side to solve relevant, complex challenges.

3. Empowering Faculty as Innovators and Mentors

To drive transformation, CTE faculty must be equipped as leaders and pioneers in educational practice. This theme will focus on building faculty capacity for innovation, adaptability, and student mentorship. Emphasizing professional development that enables educators to become tech-savvy mentors, curriculum designers, and career coaches, attendees will explore strategies for empowering faculty to lead change. Topics will include peer mentorship networks, innovation labs for faculty, and specialized training that equips educators to adapt to emerging educational technologies and student needs.

4. Becoming Anti-Fragile and Responsive: Building Data-Driven, Adaptive Programs

Becoming anti-fragile is essential in today's education landscape. This theme will focus on creating CTE programs that are data-informed and responsive to both market and student needs. Attendees will explore how to build adaptive feedback systems that capture trends, employer demand, and student success metrics in real time. Discussions will include using predictive analytics to anticipate shifts, investing in technologies that support responsive programming, and implementing systems to regularly evaluate and update curricula in line with emerging demands.

Why Attend?

This conference is an invaluable platform for administrators, educators, researchers, and industry partners to explore pioneering approaches, showcase research, and network with leaders in postsecondary CTE. The Summit addresses not only current CTE challenges but also the skills, partnerships, and adaptability needed to shape the next era of CTE. Attendees will leave with insights on data-driven program design, innovative curriculum models, and impactful industry collaborations that will drive the field forward.

By attending the *Future Ready* Summit, you'll join a community committed to advancing CTE through collaboration, insight, and innovation. Don't miss this chance to shape the future of postsecondary CTE!

If you have any questions about the summit, please reach out to Dr. Sophia Alston, Senior Manager of Postsecondary CTE, at **salston@acteonline.org**.