

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

1 - 6 p.m.	Registration
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	Pre-Conference Session: Career Clusters 101 This session will provide an introduction to the modernized National Career Clusters® Framework to those who are new to the work or would like a refresh.
3:15 - 4 p.m.	Sponsor Mingle
4:15 - 4:45 p.m.	Welcome Session and Awards Celebration
4:45 - 6 p.m.	Plenary: Looking Back & Looking Ahead: Our Vision for CTE Join us as we revisit <i>Without Limits: A Shared Vision on the Future of Career Technical Education</i> five years later, examining the progress made amidst a global pandemic, the rise of AI, the modernized National Career Clusters Framework, and CTE policies being enacted in every state in the nation. This session will celebrate our field's achievements, identify future opportunities for focus and investment, and explore strategies for sustaining key priorities. We'll also build excitement for the 2025 Future of CTE Summit and its role in shaping the next chapter of CTE.
6 - 8 p.m.	Reception

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:20 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Registration
8:20 - 8:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks & Spotlight Speaker
8:45 - 9:45 a.m.	Plenary: Voice, Choice, & Opportunity: Leveraging the Career Clusters Framework to Empower Learners Join a dynamic panel of leaders from across secondary and postsecondary education, intermediaries, and connected organizations as they explore how guiding structures such as the Framework can be leveraged to drive learner agency. Panelists will share innovative strategies, policy opportunities, and cross-sector collaborations that expand access to meaningful career-connected learning. Together, we will reimagine CTE to empower every learner for success in an ever-changing world.
10 - 11 a.m.	Workshops: Maximizing Career Clusters as an Opportunity for Innovation Implementation of the Career Clusters Framework allows for thoughtful evaluation and alignment of existing policy and practice. This session will help attendees critically evaluate how your state or organization is adjusting a given policy area, and what opportunities there are to innovate in this space through the Framework, using Advance CTE tools, resources, and guidance. Attendees will also have the opportunity

	to share common challenges, ask questions, and develop next steps. Topic choices include systems alignment, developing flexible pathways, updating data systems, communications, and career advising.
11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Plenary: State Approaches to Credentials: Identifying & Incentivizing Credentials of Value Credentials have been increasingly integrated into CTE programs, accountability systems, and funding structures nationwide. In response, states have worked to develop processes to define credential quality and value and ensure return on investment for learners, employers, and communities. This session will give a sneak peek of Advance CTE's upcoming State of CTE landscape report that examines how states are building and implementing processes to identify, evaluate, validate, and incentivize credentials. Attendees will also hear directly from state CTE leaders on the implications of this work across higher education and workforce systems.
12 - 1 p.m.	Networking Lunch
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Plenary: Building Evidence on Best Practices to Serve CTE Learners How can research better inform state-level decisions and improve learner outcomes in CTE? This session brings together a researcher and state leader to bridge the gap between research and practice. Through an interactive presentation and roundtable conversations, participants will explore current evidence about CTE impact, how to build stronger research-to-practice partnerships, and ways to invest in evidence-building using Perkins V funds. Attendees will also engage with peers to generate research priorities aligned with practitioner needs.
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Region Meetings (State Members only) & Organizational Member Role-Alike Discussion
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Advance CTE Business Meeting (Advance CTE Members Only)

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:20 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30 - 10 a.m.	Registration
8:30 - 9:35 a.m.	Plenary: Federal Policy Update
9:45 - 11 a.m.	Breakouts: Perkins VI Input Sessions
11:15 - 11:45 a.m.	Plenary: Up to DATE with the Office of Career, Technical & Adult Education (OCTAE)
11:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Closing Remarks