



## Frequently Asked Questions

This document addresses frequently asked questions about [CTE Unlocked: A Summit to Shape the Future of the Skilled Workforce](#). Please email [cteunlocked@careertech.org](mailto:cteunlocked@careertech.org) with additional questions.

### Who can attend the CTE Unlocked Summit?

CTE Unlocked is an exclusive, invitation-only event. The participant list has been thoughtfully curated to bring together a diverse group of leaders and changemakers, including:

- State CTE and education agency leaders
- Representatives from national organizations focused on CTE, education, and workforce development
- Business and industry leaders
- Practitioners from across the CTE continuum
- Members of the philanthropic community
- Learners with lived experience in CTE

### What is the purpose/goal of the CTE Unlocked Summit?

The summit will offer a uniquely facilitated setting to collaborate, brainstorm, and think outside the box to create a shared vision for the future of CTE. This vision will serve as the “true north” for the CTE community and career-connected ecosystem to help ensure the CTE system is maximized to support the changing needs of learners, communities, and the economy.

As a result of the national 2020 *CTE Forward Summit*, Advance CTE and its partners released *Without Limits: A Shared Vision for the Future of CTE*, which has been key in pushing CTE forward by driving more intentional CTE funding models, centering learner voice in more programmatic and policy decisions, grounding many states’ Perkins V plans, among other impacts.

The new vision coming out of the *CTE Unlocked Summit* will directly impact the implementation of state and federal policy, philanthropic investments, and national partners’ CTE priorities. The final vision document will be released in spring 2026 at Advance CTE’s annual spring meeting.

### What should I wear to the CTE Unlocked Summit?

We recommend business casual attire, with a focus on comfort and practicality. The *CTE Unlocked Summit* will be highly interactive, with opportunities to move around and engage in hands-on activities. Layers are also a good idea, as meeting room temperatures can vary.



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## How much is registration?

Registration is entirely free. You are responsible for travel and accommodations.

## What is the meeting format?

The CTE Unlocked Summit is designed as a highly interactive, hands-on experience spread across three days. Participants will engage in a mix of interactive sessions, small group discussions, visioning activities, and collaborative exercises—all aimed at co-creating a new, forward-looking vision for CTE.

Each day will build on the last:

- Day 1 sets the stage with grounding conversations about the current state of CTE and learner experiences.
- Day 2 focuses on creative visioning, where participants will imagine and share what an optimal future CTE system could look like.
- Day 3 focuses on action planning, providing opportunities to reflect, prioritize, and begin translating ideas into actionable steps for implementation.

For more information, please refer to our [agenda at a glance](#).

## What is the registration deadline?

**Monday, August 25th**, is the last day to register for the *CTE Unlocked Summit*.

## Why am I being asked to log in when I register for the CTE Unlocked Summit?

All registrants are required to create an account, if they do not already have one, through our NOVI association management system before registering for the *CTE Unlocked Summit*. There are no additional costs to creating an account, and you may use the account to register for other Advance CTE events. Full instructions can be found on our [NOVI blog](#).

## Does Advance CTE have hotel rooms available for meeting attendees?

Yes, Advance CTE has a discounted room block available within the daily lodging per diem rate of \$157 per night, plus taxes and fees. Rooms are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please reserve your room early. The room block will close on **September 9, 2025**. Please book your hotel room using Advance CTE's dedicated [event link](#).

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## Which airport is closest to the hotel?

The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is ~15 miles from the event hotel. The hotel does not offer a shuttle service for transportation to and from the airport. However, there is a bus on the Lower Level-Zone B4 of the airport arrivals that stops in the French Quarter, where the hotel is located. This bus arrives every 90 minutes and will take approximately 45 minutes to reach the hotel, with a 15-minute walk required. The airport is roughly 30 minutes from the hotel by car.

## I am driving/taking public transportation to the CTE Unlocked Summit. Where can I find parking and transit information?

Parking is available at the hotel for an additional fee. An electric car charging station is available. Garage ceiling max 6' 5".

Rates: valet: \$52 + tax daily; oversized: \$62 + tax daily.

Learn more about what to expect at the [Sheraton New Orleans Hotel](#).

## I want to explore New Orleans, LA. What are my transportation options?

Driving, taking a taxi, using ridesharing services, or walking is recommended for exploring the city. The hotel opens up right into the French Quarter.

## Are meals included in my registration?

Each registration includes a dinner reception on one of the conference evenings, breakfast and lunch on Tuesday, and breakfast on Wednesday with snacks offered during scheduled breaks throughout the summit.

