



Virtual **CTE Discussions**

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What are the Virtual CTE Discussions?

The Virtual CTE Discussions are designed to empower educators and reinforce their professional skills. Led by career and technical educators, these regular discussions provide a platform for peer-sharing with professionals across the country. Discussions explore hot topics in CTE and tools and tips for strengthening CTE programs.

How does it work?

ACTE staff collaborate with interested volunteer discussion leaders on developing the discussion topics, dates and times. ACTE staff then schedule the discussions and promote them up until their date. Staff aim to schedule no more than 1 discussion per week. Participants and discussion hosts connect via the free videoconferencing platform Zoom for the live discussions, which are recorded and posted online for others to view afterwards. Discussions typically last 45 minutes -1 hour. There is no max participation limit but ACTE aims for 8-10 live guests per discussion.

What preparation is involved in hosting a discussion?

Discussion leaders typically prepare a visual presentation (ex. PowerPoint, website references) for the first half of the discussion, and then use the second half for Q&A. To sign up to lead a Virtual CTE Discussion, we request the following pieces from our volunteer presenters:

1. Discussion Title
2. Discussion Summary (2-3 sentences)
3. Brief Speaker Bio & Headshot

Interested in hosting a discussion?

All interested volunteers are welcome to host! Email **Kate Dowdy** (kdowdy@acteonline.org) to get started.