

7:30 – 8:15 Registration and Breakfast

8:15 – 9:15 Opening General Session with Keynote

Dr. Bryan Albrecht, President and CEO, Gateway Technical College

How Credentials Spur Local Economic Growth

From summer boot camps to industry led training centers, to the location of Foxconn in Racine, WI, Gateway has helped individuals, companies, and the economy grow through high quality industry-recognized credentials.

9:15 – 9:45 Credential Summit Charge

Dr. John Foster, President and CEO, NOCTI

Why A Summit?

What defines a credential? What are the standards for technical credentialing? How do I know which one meets the needs of the population I serve? Dr. Foster will underscore the importance of our community's response.

9:45 – 10:00 Visit with Exhibitors and Morning Break

10:00 – 11:30 Concurrent Sessions – Theme: Components of Quality Credentials

(40-minute presentations, select any 2)

1. Starting with a Quality Foundation

Accreditation, standards, and assessment development: every step in the credentialing process is critical. Listen to one organization's quest for quality against the backdrop of the personnel accreditation (ISO 17024).

2. Implementing a Successful Credential Program

Focusing on implementation, a panel of experts will review the overall process of credential implementation including identifying a credential and funding sources, engaging industry, and ensuring stakeholder buy-in.

3. Connecting Education and Industry Through Credentials

A panel composed of leading industry associations will highlight the importance of offering credentials to students, helping students to determine a career pathway, and continuing to the world of work.

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch with Keynote

Why an Industry Starts a Credentialing Program

12:45 – 1:30 Concurrent Sessions – Theme: Successful Credential Case Studies

1. Internships and Apprenticeships: A Win-Win Experience

These programs provide opportunities for on-the-job learning and training. Our expert panel discusses the benefits for both individuals and the employer and will share what makes their programs successful.

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3. Certification vs. Certificate

Certification is a process involving approval of a facility. A certificate is a credential awarded to an individual. Organizations and associations employ both of these models. Our panel discusses the benefits of each.

1:45 – 2:30 Concurrent Sessions – Theme: Credentials: Making Them Work for You

1. Diving Into the Data

Taking a deeper look into the data can identify interesting trends which leads to informed curriculum improvement, instructional methods, and lesson planning.

2. Credential Data Collection

Connect recent research regarding the Certification Data Exchange Project and the Expanded Measures of Enrollment and Attainment. The session includes a look at a variety of data from different populations.

3. Credential Resources: What You Need to Know

A roadmap of available resources is a helpful tool. This session will walk through some popular resources to assist in navigating the credential world, equipping you with tools to make your job easier!

2:30 – 3:00 Visit with Exhibitors and Afternoon Break

3:00 – 3:45 Summit Reflections: Your Input

Hosted by ACTE, NBS, and NOCTI

4:00 – 5:00 Summit Wrap-up and Reception

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Light hors d'oeuvres, and beverages, door prizes, and networking