

# Free On-Line Learning Courses Available; Update on 2020 CTE Summer Program

## To Kentucky CTE Professionals:

Please know the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) hopes and prays that everyone receiving this e-mail is well and safe. This is a challenging time for Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals. ***Although longer than preferred, please take a minute to read this information.***

## CTE Learn Free Courses on On-Line Teaching

A specific challenge is how to effectively teach your students while schools are closed and teaching is delivered remotely? The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and KACTE are making available free, on-line courses to help CTE professionals answer the question.

**CTE Learn** is an on-line professional development catalog for CTE professionals. Six courses NOW are available free to Kentucky CTE professionals through May 1, 2020. Membership in KACTE is not required to access the courses. Please see the instructions below for details.

**Kentucky CTE Learn** is offering a selection of free online courses to prepare CTE teachers to teach online.

- 1 Visit <https://ky.ctelearn.org>
- 2 Go to "Online Teachers" (under Credit Courses)
- 3 Click on "Deliver Online Instruction"

You'll see the following online courses that you can access for free.

- EL102 Online Teaching Techniques
- EL103 Teaching Online: A Student-Centered Approach
- EL104 Teaching and Organizing a Virtual Learning Environment
- EL105 Online Language: Communicating with Students
- EL108 Preparing Students to Become Good Online Learners
- EL112 Workload Management Strategies for Teaching Online

Register/login on the site and enter the master key “**MK-KYACTE**” to enroll in any of the above courses. This complimentary key is valid through **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Contact [support@ctelearn.org](mailto:support@ctelearn.org) if you have any questions.

**CTE Learn** courses are self-paced and each course takes approximately 4 hours to complete. Designed and developed specifically for the CTE community, our courses focus on practical strategies and techniques that participants can apply right away.

## **KACTE and the CTE Summer Program**

KACTE is the professional association for Kentucky CTE teachers in all pathways and administrators at all learning levels. ACTE and KACTE recognize the seriousness of the times and are seeking to fulfill their commitment to further CTE in Kentucky.

There has been great progress made in recent years to improve the quality and relevance of CTE. More and more, the public at large, business and industry, and political and government officials recognize CTE’s vital role in economic vibrancy and societal support.

During this difficult time, it is the responsibility of all of us to ensure the critical instruction provided by CTE continues. It is our professional duty, and ACTE and KACTE pledge their efforts to assist as they are able. Opening these **CTE Learn** courses for free and unfettered use is one step.

Also during this unsettled time, the question recently was asked: ***Is KACTE cancelling the 2020 CTE Summer Program?*** First, please recognize that the annual CTE Summer Program is not the “KACTE conference.” KACTE manages the CTE Summer Program logistics (registration, housing, presentation location, food and beverage, audio-visual, etc.), but the educational program is planned and presented by your colleagues; Department of Education and Kentucky Community and Technical College staff; and contracted speakers, consultants and exhibitors.

**The annual CTE Summer Program literally is BY and FOR CTE professionals like you.**

Until further notice, KACTE is continuing its logistic organization and management to present the largest and most comprehensive professional development program for the CTE community in Louisville at the Galt House Hotel, July 26-29, 2020. Let us reflect that the 2020 CTE Summer Program is four months from happening. The

Governor's current order to suspend all large gatherings is in effect for another six weeks. If all goes as hoped, Kentucky will resume "new normal" activities in May.

The educational program presentations have been approved. The process to assign presentation times and rooms is in process. The other logistic arrangements are ongoing. KACTE must anticipate that the CTE Summer Program will take place as planned. Ensuring a quality and relevant professional development event demands this action continue.

**ALL OF THAT NOTED**, the CTE Summer Program does not exist in a vacuum. KACTE understands the seriousness of the COVID-19 situation and will take recommended measures to protect the safety of participants. As events evolve, KACTE will seek direction and decisions from program planners. If the public health crisis continues, changes will be announced. If the unwanted cancellation of the 2020 CTE Summer Program should occur, appropriate refunds will be issued.

It bears noting that if schools do not re-open this year, but the CTE Summer Program does take place in advance of the 2020-21 school year, the information and guidance provided at the conference could be even more vital to inform and update teachers and administrators in their planning for the new academic year.

**THANK YOU** for your commitment to serve the educational needs of Kentucky's youth and to impart critical instruction that supports the state's economy and society. The jobs for which CTE provides the educational foundation will be even more important to maintain and enhance Kentucky after the state emerges from this crisis.

Please know registration for the 2020 CTE Summer Program is open at [www.kyacte.org](http://www.kyacte.org). On the website, you also can join KACTE, which is the only professional association serving teachers in all CTE pathways and administrators at all instructional levels. KACTE thanks those who already are members and asks all CTE professionals to consider membership, which will help the association further its communication, advocacy, and professional development outreach, and support for CTE and CTE career professionals.

***KACTE will advise of further developments regarding the CTE Summer Program. May everyone be safe and stay well.***