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Connecting Education and Careers

Dear Region II ACTE members,

Here we are, another trip around the sun. Much has changed over the past year, and I suspect this year feels a bit different from last. Last year, I shared stories of creative CTE teachers delivering instruction remotely. I suspect we'd have little trouble doing that now! When we think about [employability skills](#), our students should be well-prepared to adapt and demonstrate flexibility as they enter the workforce.

Speaking of flexibility, we are excited to bring you information about the Region II Leadership Conference this year that you can attend in person or virtually! ACTE's CareerTech VISION is the same way. Keep reading for information on these and other opportunities in ACTE.

REGION II CONFERENCE

Tennessee ACTE is excited to host this year's Region II Leadership Conference on **Sept. 24–25** in Nashville, Tennessee! **Aug. 23** is the hotel reservation deadline for the conference rate. Aside from a packed conference agenda, Nashville has a lot to offer in the evenings, as well. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information. Take a look below for a message from me about all that Nashville has to offer.

[Learn more and register](#)



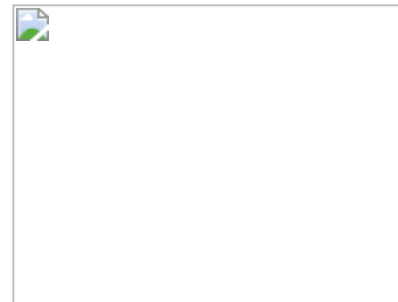


FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

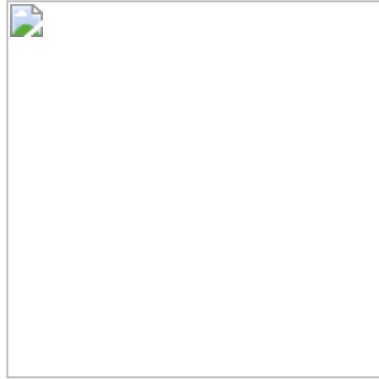
The ACTE Fellowship program is accepting applications for the 2021 class of Fellows! Please consider taking part in this opportunity for professional development, increased policy knowledge and leadership development!

The Fellowship Program is a one-year commitment from January to December 2022. Applications are due **Sept.15**. More information is available [online here](#).

Learn more and apply



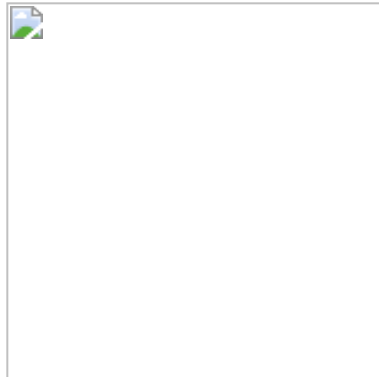
Early Bird Rates Extended to



Aug. 31

The most important event for career and technical educators, ACTE's CareerTech VISION will provide unparalleled networking, inspiring keynote speakers, [hundreds of concurrent program sessions](#) covering multiple CTE sectors and timely equity and access topics and innovations in CTE, an in-person Expo, and more. This year's event happens in New Orleans, Louisiana, **Dec. 1–4** and in-person rates include access to both in-person and virtual programming. Please note, the early bird rates have been extended to **Aug. 31**, so there's still time to secure the most affordable way to attend VISION! Not able to attend in-person? Join us virtually for a dynamic and specially curated content.

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Upcoming Webinars

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering innovative best practices and inclusion, access, equity and diversity in CTE.

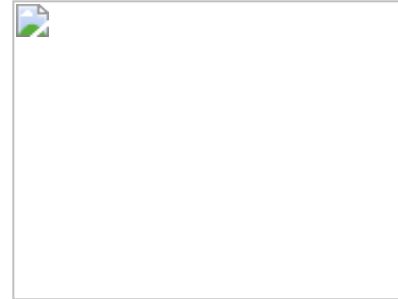
- Designing a College and Career Pathways System, sponsored by NC3T, on **Aug. 27 at 11:00 a.m. ET**
- Teaching Innovative CTE: Bringing Industry into Your Classroom with Real-world Projects & Skills on **Sept. 1 at noon ET**

- Making CTE Classrooms More Inclusive for LGBTQ+ Students on **Sept. 8 at 3:00 p.m. ET**
- Part 2: Confronting Isms in the Classroom on **Oct. 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET**

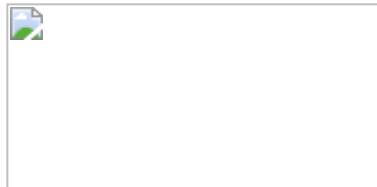
[Learn more](#)

ACTE Seeking IAED Mentors & Mentees

ACTE's mentorship program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for career and technical educators, seeks to support association members interested in inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED) — those who are interested in becoming a mentor in ACTE's IAED Mentorship Program should apply by **Aug. 31**, or a mentee by **Sept. 30**. The IAED Mentorship Program is generously sponsored by [IMAGO](#).



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New CTE Learn Courses

Be sure to check out the following latest additions to the growing collection of 170+ CTE Learn courses at www.ctelearn.org:

- [Creating Work-Based Learning Programs](#)

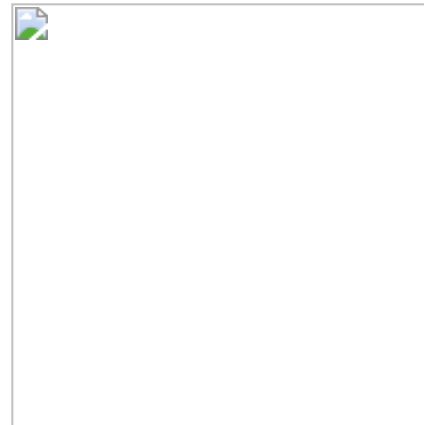
- [HQ101— CTE High-quality Framework: Standards-aligned and Integrated Curriculum](#)
- [Integrating Career Readiness Into Your Courses: Part II](#)
- [Introduction to Positive Psychology for Educators](#)
- [Leveraging Community Resources to Energize CTE Programs](#)

[Learn more](#)

High-Quality CTE During COVID-19

Secondary schools and colleges are preparing to open their doors for the fall semester while navigating shifting guidelines for COVID-19. Refresh your plans and strategies for this school year with ACTE's COVID-19 resources:

- [High-Quality CTE: Planning for a COVID-19-impacted School Year](#): This guide, published in summer 2020, helps CTE stakeholders identify the key considerations, guiding questions and emerging best practices for delivering CTE during COVID-19 across all the elements of high-quality CTE. It was accompanied by a webinar series sharing ideas from the field.
- [High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Challenges and Innovations](#): This report, published in March 2021, describes challenges for delivering CTE during COVID-19, shares examples of innovative practices, and provides recommendations for how CTE leaders can better prepare the post-COVID-19 workforce and embrace lessons learned during the pandemic.
- [High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Leveraging Federal Relief Funds at the Local Level](#): Published in May 2021,



this paper provides an overview of federal relief funds and suggests how CTE programs can benefit from these critical resources.

- [CTE Distance Learning Lesson Plans](#): These publications from the California Department of Education's Career and College Transition Division, CTEOnline.org, the San Diego County Office of Education's Office of College and Career Readiness, and ACTE highlight lesson plans, webinars and resources for remote learning across multiple sectors.



REGION II ON FACEBOOK

Our social media presence continues to expand. In our Region Facebook group, members have shared stories of adapting to teaching from a distance and professional development opportunities have been shared. This space is also used to communicate about opportunities. If you'd like to join the private Facebook group, you'll need to request membership by clicking [this link](#).

You can also follow us on Twitter [@ACTERRegionII](#) and be sure to tag us with exciting things from your program or state so we can retweet and spread the word.



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