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THE CONNECTION CONFERENCE EMPOWER LIVES

We invite you to the 50th Annual AZ CTE Summer Conference, a milestone event celebrating half a century of empowering the American dream!

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108 school districts (secondary and postsecondary)

300+ Unique program sessions

Stay certified with professional development courses

Connect with like-minded educators and industry professionals.





CTE & Community Colleges: Driving Arizona's Workforce Forward

Community colleges are essential pillars of Arizona's Career and Technical Education (CTE) ecosystem, bridging the gap between education and industry to ensure a talent-ready workforce for the state's economic future. With 36% of Arizona jobs requiring education beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree, community colleges are at the forefront of preparing students for high-wage, high-demand careers in industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, and IT.

At this year's **50th Anniversary AZ CTE Summer Conference**, we are offering exclusive sessions designed specifically for community college leaders and educators, including: **The New Economy and the Need for Talent (Plenary Session)** – Arizona's top workforce and education leaders will explore how demographic shifts, labor shortages, and emerging industries are reshaping CTE—and how community colleges can lead the charge in workforce innovation. There will be additional opportunities to engage directly with workforce experts, industry partners, and fellow community college leaders to strategize solutions for Arizona's evolving labor market and talent pipeline development.

Why Attend?



Stay ahead of industry trends and workforce demands that shape community college programming.



Engage with policymakers and business leaders to discuss Arizona's workforce challenges and opportunities.



Expand partnerships with K-12, industry, and state leaders to strengthen career pathways.



Celebrate 50 years of CTE excellence and help shape the next 50 years of workforce development.

Mark your calendar—let's build the future of Arizona's workforce together! Don't miss this chance to deepen your impact and gain fresh insights into the value of hands-on learning in career preparation. Join us as we celebrate 50 years of empowering students through CTE!

Let's work together to ensure every student has access to the pathways and opportunities they deserve! Community colleges are the cornerstone of workforce development and economic mobility. Join us in this historic milestone as we explore how to empower students, drive economic growth, and innovate Arizona's CTE ecosystem. Featured sessions include:

- The Nuts and Bolts of Building Bachelor's Degrees
- Community College Bachelor's Degrees Year 3!
- Identifying Local Workforce Needs for New Program Development
- The New Economy and the Need for Talent: A Follow-Up Roundtable
- Perkins Grant Management: A How-To for Community Colleges

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