



2026 CONNECTION CONFERENCE

July 9-15, 2026 | Tucson, AZ



Be part of a powerful conference experience with 300+ sessions focused on best practices, cutting-edge innovations, and strategies to strengthen your professional network. From work-based learning to AI in the classroom, from empowering counselors to elevating rural CTE, you'll discover fresh ideas and ready-to-implement solutions to take your impact to the next level.

A Purpose-Driven Experience

- > Discover the latest innovations shaping CTE
- > Connect with fellow professionals and leaders
- > Gain strategies to spark real change
- > Engage in affiliate meetings and sessions
- > Expand your learning through networking and keynotes
- > Celebrate excellence at the Awards Breakfast

Session Topics

Workforce Alignment & WBL
 Career Literacy Across K-12+
 Empowering Counselors
 Best Practices, AI, and Innovation
 Rural CTE Best Practices
 Marketing and Community Engagement
 Program Development and CTE Academies
 Postsecondary CTE Initiatives
 Data Driven Improvement
 High Quality Instructor Engagement
 CTSOs: Leadership in Action
 Standards Aligned and Hands-On Curriculum



Opening Session Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Kevin J. Fleming
"Words, Relevance, and Relationships"

\$595 - Registration Rate

Registration opens March 5, 2026

\$120 - Hotel Room + taxes/fees

Room Blocks open April 2, 2026

Westin La Paloma Resort
 3800 E. Sunrise Dr, Tucson, AZ 85718
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 7000 N. Resort Dr, Tucson, AZ 85750
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Transform the future of CTE.





Empower Middle School Educators

Middle School Early CTE (eCTE) Essentials

Prepare students early for success beyond the classroom. This engaging course supports middle school educators in building career literacy and introducing Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways that spark curiosity and confidence.

Empower Your Impact

-  Dive into the exciting world of CTE, exploring its history and significance
-  Explore the CTE delivery model and how it can be incorporated at the middle school level
-  Integrate the eCTE Arizona Professional Skills standards with academic standards
-  Design an implementation plan for your school
-  Walk away with ready-to-use tools and a clear action plan

July 11-12, 2026
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Participants must attend four eCTE designated sessions during conference.

Participants can earn three semester hours from the Arizona Department of Education in principles of CTE

If you're interested in participating, please contact both:
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