

2025 NPS TENTATIVE AGENDA

Updated February 18, 2025

Pre-Event Orientation Webinar

Tuesday, February 25, 3:00 Eastern Time

Join us for an overview of this year's National Policy Seminar (NPS), including everything you need to know about the event website, scheduling Hill visits and navigating the agenda. We will walk through all the materials and resources that are available to help make your conference experience a success. ACTE's Public Policy staff will also be on hand to answer any questions you have about NPS!

Register here: <https://acte.zoom.us/meeting/register/uM5p1FEDTX6qrGTj1Tv5Qw>

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **State Association Leadership Training**
**Separate registration required*

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Onsite Registration**

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **First Timer's Q and A**

Monday, March 17, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Onsite Registration**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast and Networking**
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8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Opening General Session with Keynote Speaker**



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The 2024 National Policy Seminar officially kicks off with an update from ACTE Executive Director LeAnn Wilson and an overview of the current political climate by keynote speaker Melanie Zanona, Capitol Hill correspondent now with NBC News.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

General Session: Budgets and More! A Deep Dive Into Federal Funding Policies

Federal funding is likely to dominate policy discussions on Capitol Hill in the first half of the 2025. This session will dive deeper into the complex fiscal environment facing Congress and their work to address FY 2025 and FY 2026 appropriations bills, the budget reconciliation process, the debt limit and more!

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions: Setting the Stage for Perkins Reauthorization

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act was last reauthorized by Congress in 2018 – seven years ago! While Congress has not yet begun any formal efforts to consider changes to Perkins, we are beginning to lay the groundwork in case activity begins. These sessions will provide an overview of the potential process and opportunities for you to share your input into ways to improve the legislation.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

General Session: The Impact of the Administration's Activities & Priorities

The beginning of the Trump Administration has been extremely busy with numerous Executive Orders launched and different priorities emphasized. This session will dive deeper into the impacts of these policy changes as well as what we expect to come next.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

General Session: Using Public Opinion Polling to Advocate for CTE

CTE programs experience significant support from numerous key audiences. This session will focus on how we can leverage recent polling data to help make the case for our programs and policy priorities.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Drink Break

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4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

ACTE Legislative Agenda/Hill Visit Overview

ACTE policy staff will provide an overview of goals for Hill visits, review key messages and legislative priorities, and relay last minute tips for getting the CTE message heard on Capitol Hill.

ACTE Public Policy Staff

Sponsor Highlight: *Forrest T. Jones*

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

State Planning Roundtables

Work with others from your state to finalize Hill visit logistics and details. Leave-behind folders will be distributed during this time, and ACTE Public Policy staff will be available to answer any remaining questions. Larger state delegations will be dismissed to meet in separate rooms.

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8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Visits

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Congressional Staff Panel on Capitol Hill (G50 Dirksen Senate Office Building)

Staff working on CTE issues for key committees, Caucuses and Members of Congress will share the latest news from Capitol Hill and their outlook for the rest of this congressional session.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Reception (G50 Dirksen Senate Office Building)

Generously sponsored by zSpace, NAHB and national CTSOs

The evening reception will feature CTE students as they share the leadership and skill-building opportunities they gain through high-quality CTE and participation in their respective student organizations. The reception is sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders, zSpace and National Coordinating Council of Career and Technical Student Organization (NCC-CTSO) members.



Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Special Focus Content: Apprenticeships

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Setting the Stage

What are the national activities, trends and policies related to apprenticeships that CTE leaders need to focus on? We'll begin with a broad overview of the apprenticeship landscape, including defining various apprenticeship terminology to ensure we're all on the same page.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Challenges and Opportunities Surrounding Apprenticeship

A series of issues encompass effective apprenticeship

implementation and growth. Our panelists will explore best practices related to apprenticeships and the opportunities and barriers that need to be addressed more globally through policy or other actions to ensure the success of this model.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Spotlight Focus on EV Hub

The American Association of Community College's Registered Apprenticeship Electric Vehicle (EV) HUB, funded through a U.S. Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Building America grant is creating an EV Hub to support work on EV apprenticeships. Tesla, Panasonic, community colleges and various national organizations are contributing to the Hub. We will discuss their roles and gain insights that could impact your community.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

High School Pathways to Support the Apprenticeship Pipeline

Youth Apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship and linkages of pre- and youth apprenticeship to postsecondary and workforce pipelines, including apprenticeships, are important to building the workforce. Panelists will explore the policies and actions needed for a robust system that supports student career aspirations while simultaneously meeting the nation's skills needs.

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wrap Up and Closing