



A CTE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Building The Future AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



The ILC Edition

October is here, which means that the Innovation, Learning, and Career Education Conference is just around the corner! Join us **November 5–7, 2025**, at the **Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, PA**, where we'll explore best practices in career and technical education. Connect with educators, administrators, and industry leaders to discover strategies that prepare students for success in today's workforce. Plus, enjoy fun and engaging field trips to exciting locations around State College that bring learning to life!
We look forward to seeing you there!



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www.careertechpa.org



Purpose of Conference

The objectives of the ILC are as follows:

- **Raise awareness and eliminate barriers** to encourage interdisciplinary approaches that enhance learning opportunities.
- **Feature successful practices** that have the potential for scalability or replication.
- **Facilitate the integration** of academic and career and technical education K-16.
- **Provide opportunities** for networking and for building partnerships.
- **Encourage cross-sector and cross-department** connections to foster collaboration between education and workforce development.
- **Share instructional strategies and opportunities** for lifelong learning.



The Penn Stater Hotel
& Conference Center



215 Innovation Blvd,
State College, PA 16803



When can I register for the Innovation, Learning, and Career Education Conference (ILC)?

Registration is now open! On-site registration will be available.

- Click [HERE](#) to register
- Click [HERE](#) for information about becoming a sponsor or exhibitor

Registration Invoicing

Penn State is currently in the process of updating its invoicing system. We appreciate your patience as our office navigates these changes.

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Thank you to our Exhibitors!



ILC Hotel Information

Rooms are still available! Use the code below when booking at the Penn Stater to unlock ILC dates.

215 Innovation Blvd, State College, PA 16803

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This Year's Agenda (Tentative)

Times may be adjusted.

A tentative agenda can be found [HERE](#) on our website.

Field Trip Information

Thank you to Amanda Smith and Penn State Outreach for helping us secure such exciting opportunities!

Hort Woods Childcare Center

Unlike any other childcare center in the nation, the Child Care Center at Hort Woods was specifically designed to meet or exceed the highest level of sustainable building criteria, the USGBC's LEED Platinum certification. The two-floor, 21,500 square-foot building features a brick, copper, and painted aluminum exterior, and there are three natural, outdoor learning environments that were designed to accommodate the center's varying age groups.



Larson Transportation Institute

The Larson Institute's full-scale Transportation Research Facilities include a test track facility designed to accommodate a broad range of research activities. The facility features a 1-mile oval, a large vehicle handling area, and a vehicle durability-testing course that allows additional pavement, vehicle, and appurtenance testing. The facility includes a special test section where test surfaces can be installed on a temporary basis for testing. Current activities include crash testing of anti-terrorist barriers and comprehensive testing of new bus models. It (together with the City of Pittsburgh) was designated in January 2017 as one of 10 U.S. Department of Transportation autonomous vehicles proving grounds in the country.

Beaver Stadium and Food Science Lab

Participants will be able to see and feel the turf field of Beaver Stadium as well as participate in activities at the Food Science Sensory Evaluation Lab. It is the

intent of this session that participants will be inspired to incorporate ideas and concepts from each facility at their home schools to create learning labs that students interested in related careers can engage with. Participants will complete a worksheet for each facility, identifying CTE areas that are involved as well as basic planning information that can be utilized to create an action plan at their home schools.



Centre County Correctional Facility

Explore career opportunities in criminal justice and human services and gain insight into the many roles that support the criminal justice system. Learn how treatment plans are implemented in a correctional facility that houses an average of 150 daily—including mental health services, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), work release programs, and more—as part of a holistic approach to rehabilitation and public safety. Discover the wide range of careers available within the system, from corrections officers and case managers to counselors, medical staff, and administrative professionals.

**Additional field trips to be announced.
Field trip registration will open on Friday, October 3, 2025.**

NOCTI: New This Year!

Mandatory Training for Test Site Coordinators

An additional option will be added to this year's mandatory training for all Test Site Coordinators. Although the asynchronous iSpring trainings will be available, a webinar will be held with NOCTI staff on **November 19, 2025**. More information will be released soon.

We look forward to seeing you there!

New Test Site Coordinator?

A new Testing Agreement Form will need to be completed with NOCTI.

Need the Form?

[Click here!](#)

Task List Revision

The following CIPs are due for their task list revision:

- 01.0000 Agriculture, General
- 01.0301 Agriculture Productions Operations, General
- 01.0601 Applied Horticulture/Horticultural Operations, General
- 01.8301 Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant
- 10.9999 Communication Technology/Technicians and Support Services
- 11.0801 Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design
- 12.0401 Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General
- 12.0501 Baking and Pastry Arts/Baker/Pastry Chef
- 13.0101 Education, General
- 15.9999 Engineering Technologies/Technicians
- 43.0107 Criminal Justice/Police Science
- 46.9999 Construction Trades, Other
- 47.0699 Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Technologies, Other
- 48.0703 Cabinetmaking and Millwork
- 50.0602 Cinematography and Film/Video Production
- 51.2604 Rehabilitation Aide
- 52.1201 Management Information Systems

If you teach one of the CIPs listed above, please be sure to look out for an email from the BCTE/PDE detailing the next steps.

For questions, contact Nel Schaefer at ams13069@psu.edu

Test Alignment Update - Act 48 Hours

To receive your Act 48 Hours, please fill out the following form:

Form available [HERE](#).

Your PDE ID number is required to be eligible to receive Act 48.

For questions, please contact Nel Schaefer at ams13069@psu.edu

This Month's Fun Facts



Did you know...



Did you know...

Since 2020, the ILC: Innovation, Learning, and Career Education Conference (formally the Integrated Learning Conference) has welcomed over **1,835** people, excluding numerous sponsors and exhibitors!

Source: ERC - ILC Records

In August of this year, Erik Gunstrom of Harrison City broke the record for world's largest aubergine. It weighed in at 8 lbs 12 oz!

Want to see a picture? Click [here](#).

Source: The Guinness Book of World Records
Photo by Elias Morr on Unsplash

Teachers That Do It All



We want to hear from YOU!

Do you know a teacher who is incorporating literacy and mathematics into their lessons? Each month, we would like to highlight educators who excel at best practices in the classroom.

If you know a teacher or are interested, please complete the Microsoft form found [HERE](#).

Learning Opportunity Spotlight

October 2025 PCEA Conference

2025 SAVE THE DATE

PCEA CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 16-17

Strategies for Success in Work-Based Learning

**Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center
State College, PA**

2025 PCEA Conference

October 16 - 17, 2025

Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center

Register [HERE](#)

For questions or additional information contact ERC9065@psu.edu or 412-675-9065.

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