



A CTE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Building The Future AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



Wishing you and yours a bountiful harvest!

As November arrives, we at the ERC would like to encourage everyone to pause and take a moment to remember the importance of gratitude and community — two values that are at the heart of Career and Technical Education across Pennsylvania. Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the continued partnership and support of our schools, educators, industry partners, and community leaders, who do so much for our students. **You** make our shared mission possible. We also encourage everyone to make their voices heard in the upcoming local elections, as they are vital opportunities to shape the future of education and workforce development in our communities.

Visit our website for new resources, including
the APTE Cohort Listing.

www.careertechpa.org

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

ILC - Important Reminders



Registration

Registration is still open!

- [Conference Registration](#)

Walk-Ins Welcome

On-site registration will be available. However, please note that payment will **not** be accepted at the conference; an invoice will be sent afterward.

Field Trips

Registration is still open for the following field trips.

- [Field Trip Registration](#)
- [Field Trip Descriptions](#)

Wednesday, November 5 (afternoon)

WPSU (communications and television production/broadcasting)
MCAST/First Quality (manufacturing and co-op program development)

Thursday, November 6 (morning)

Hort Woods Sustainable Child Care Facility
Centre County Correctional Facility

Thursday, November 6 (afternoon)

Larson Transportation Institute and test track

Navigating the Conference

The agenda, daily session matrices, and program can all be found on our website's Event page. They are also linked below for your convenience.

- [Conference Agenda](#)
- [Wednesday Matrix](#)
- [Thursday Matrix](#)
- [Friday Matrix](#)
- [Conference Program](#)

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NOCTI Updates

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!

Special Accommodations

If you have a special accommodation request for a student, please fill out the form linked below as soon as possible.

All requests must be approved by the Bureau of Career and Technical Education and may take a few days to be processed.

- [Student Occupational Testing Special Accommodations Request Form](#)

Need your certificates for your May ceremony?

Consider testing early in March.

Test Alignment Update - Act 48 Hours

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

Form available [HERE](#).

This Month's Fun Facts



Did you know...

On the 2022 NOCTI post-tests, across all programs, 22% of students scored as Basic, 32% as Competent, and 46% as Advanced. In 2025, those numbers shifted to 14% Basic, 29% Competent, and **57%** Advanced.

Source: Todd Luke, MAX Teaching



Did you know...

You may have heard that Ben Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey rather than a bald eagle. Surprise! This is a **myth!** You can read more on the Franklin Institute's [website](#).

Source: The Franklin Institute

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

SAVE THE DATE!



SAS Institute 2025

Learn. Connect. Activate.

Hershey Lodge &
Convention Center

December 8-10, 2025

Join us for a transformative experience designed to empower educational leaders with the tools, strategies, and connections to drive meaningful change.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Learn

Engage in timely, purpose-driven sessions tailored to today's challenges.

Connect

Build human-centered leadership skills and strengthen professional relationships.

Activate

Participate in a statewide collaborative design session and walk away with a personalized action plan.

NEW THIS YEAR

On the final day, co-create 100+ bold, locally grounded action plans to shape the future of education across the Commonwealth.

Free Exclusive Early Bird Session!

Kick off the Institute with a special Sunday afternoon session on December 7, 2025.

**Registration Opens
September 18, 2025**

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

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