



Spring 2025 TACTE Conference
Grapevine Hilton/Embassy
Suites
Grapevine, TX 78744
Date: April 2-4, 2025

Theme: CTE² Career and Technical Education for a Competitive Texas Economy

Wednesday, April 2nd

6:00 - 9:00	Full Breakfast Buffet (Free for Hotel Guests)
7:30 - 4:00	Registration Available
9:00 - 11:30	Pre-Conference: Changes to the CTE Guidelines (formerly known as GIPWE) and updates from the THECB
11:30 - 1:00	Conference Luncheon Buffet in the Atrium/Networking Break

Opening General Session

1:00 – 2:00	Welcome/Introductions/ TACTE Business Meeting/Vendor Recognition
2:00 – 3:15	Conference Keynote
3:15 – 3:45	Vendors' Engagement /Networking Break
3:45 – 4:45	Breakout Sessions (1)
4:45 – 5:15	TACTE New Member Orientation
5:30 - 7:00	Complimentary Happy Hour (Free for Hotel Guests)
6:00 – 7:30	President's Fiesta (all attendees invited) – Dinner and Drinks Fajitas – Pasta – Sliders - Dessert

Thursday, April 3rd

6:00 - 9:00	Full Breakfast Buffet (Free for Hotel Guests)
8:00 - 11:20	Registration
8:30 - 9:30	Breakout Sessions/Workshop (2)
9:30 - 10:00	Vendors' Engagement /Networking Break
10:00 - 11:00	Breakout Sessions/Workshop (3)
11:00 - 12:30	Conference Luncheon Buffet in the Atrium/Networking and Vendor Break
12:30 – 1:45	Conference Keynote
1:45 - 2:15	Program of Excellence & Lindle Grigsby Leadership Award
2:30 – 3:30	Breakout sessions/Workshop (4)
3:30 – 4:00	Vendors' Engagement/Networking Break... <u>Door prizes give-away</u>
4:00 – 5:00	Breakout Sessions/Workshop (5)
5:30 – 7:00	Complimentary Happy Hour (Free for Hotel Guests)
Evening	Dinner on your own

Friday, April 4th

6:00 - 9:00	Full Breakfast Buffet (Free for Hotel Guests)
9:00 – 11:00	Texas State of Higher Education Keynote
11:00	Conference Adjourned

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