

ACCET



2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Chicago, August 24-27
#ACCET2025

Conference Schedule

Sunday, August 24

11:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration & Info Desk Open	3 rd Floor Hallway
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Welcome Toast	Waldorf

Monday, August 25

8:30 am – 7:30 pm	Registration & Info Desk Open	3 rd Floor Hallway
9:00 am – 7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Williford
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	General Session featuring guest speaker Lisa Lewis Person	Waldorf
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch with the Exhibitors	Williford
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<i>Afternoon Sessions:</i>	
	Team Evaluator Workshop	Joliet
	AI By Design Workshop	PDR 2
	Standards Review Focus Groups	Marquette
	Meet the Exhibitors	Williford
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Coffee Break	Williford
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	General Session featuring guest speaker Luyen Chou	Waldorf
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Exhibitors' Reception	Williford

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Tuesday, August 26

8:30 am – 7:00 pm	Registration & Info Desk Open	3 rd Floor Hallway
9:00 am – 7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Williford
9:00 am – 10:20 am	<i>Vocational & IEP Update Sessions:</i>	
	Federal Updates & State of the Vocational Sector (Dr. Jason Altmire)	Marquette
	Industry Updates & Leadership Demands in IEPs (Cheryl Delk-Le Good & Megan Kobzej)	PDR 2
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Coffee Break	Williford
10:30 am – 11:20 am	<i>Breakout Sessions:</i>	
	ACCET Leadership & Strategic Priorities (Res Helfer, Lindsay Oakden, & Emily Keegan)	Marquette
	Transforming Education Through Mental Health & Well-Being (Lisa Johnson)	PDR 2
	Continuing Education 2030: Innovation for the Future of Learning (Emmeline Lopez)	PDR 4
	Stay Compliant & Improve the Student Experience (Valerie Mendelsohn & Sally Mikhail Bemis)	Astoria
	Navigating AI in Education: Strategies for Institutional Success (Suzanne Ricci)	Joliet
11:30 am – 12:20 pm	<i>Breakout Sessions:</i>	
	Effective Educational Leadership in an Era of Disruption (Dr. Richard “Monty” Gonzales & Jim Doran)	Marquette
	Important Changes to Title IX Regulations (Kenneth Ingram & Julie Dymowski)	PDR 3
	Bridging the Skills Gap: Growth Mindset for Retention & Workforce Readiness (Brian Richards)	PDR 2

	Moving Forward by Looking Back: Merging Traditional & Modern ESL Strategies (William Nowatnick)	PDR 4
	Building a Culture of Compliance: Preparing for an ACCET Visit & Writing the ASER (Jessica Corey, Edward Rabinovich, & Scott Faulstick)	Astoria
	Understanding Default Prevention: Essentials & Strategies (Mary Lyn Hammer)	Joliet
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch with the Exhibitors	Williford
2:00 pm – 2:50 pm	<i>Breakout Sessions:</i>	
	Why Employees Leave: It's Not Them, It's You (Nick Jimenez & LeeAnn Rohmann)	Marquette
	Holistic Support Strategies to Enhance Student Retention (Tom King)	PDR 2
	Goodbye, Glazed Eyes: Igniting Minds with Dynamic, Lecture-Free Learning (Mandy Green)	PDR 4
	Team Report Responses: Commissioner & Staff Perspectives (Peter Mikhail, Megan Kobzej, & Beth Hepler)	Astoria
	Plan B: Structuring an Effective Emergency Response & Recovery Plan (Velmarie Merced & Mayra Sanchez)	Joliet
3:00 pm – 3:50 pm	<i>Breakout Sessions:</i>	
	Mindful Leadership: Making SHIFT Happen (James Patrick)	Marquette
	The New-Collar Worker: Supporting Students & Strengthening Communities (Kristen Muenster & Crystal Newman)	PDR 2
	Reaching Veterans in the Classroom (Daniel Day & Dr. Dani Day)	PDR 4
	Creating a Culture of Trust: Best Practices for Handling Student Complaints (Emily Reloba & Danielle Rueter)	Astoria

	Train New Hires as Well as Your Students: Constructing Effective Training Bootcamps (Dainah Craft)	Joliet
3:50 pm – 4:30 pm	Coffee Break	Williford
4:30 pm – 5:20 pm	<i>Breakout Sessions:</i>	
	Lead Your Team to Live Accredited Every Day (Peggy Tiderman & Mark Tiderman)	Marquette
	Register the Student, Enroll the Family (Dr. Yvonne Lau, Diana Alpizar, Theodora Banks, Courtney O'Brien, & Lilia Trejo)	PDR 2
	AI Grading Goes Gourmet: How Escoffier & DeweyLearn Use AI to Improve Outcomes & Instructor Effectiveness (Luyen Chou & Kathleen Ahearn)	PDR 4
	CSPEN Town Hall: What's New and What's Next from Washington (Tom Netting)	Astoria
	Rethinking Social Media Marketing: Adapting to New Platforms (Darryl Mattox & Randi Reed)	Joliet
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner Reception	Williford

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Networking Breakfast	Williford
	Exhibit Hall Open	Williford
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	Closing General Session	Waldorf