

THE Association FOR Career AND Technical Education

*Strengthening the
profession by supporting
professionals . . . like you.*



THE ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) is a diverse organization of more than 30,000 career and technical educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors and others involved in planning and conducting career and technical education (CTE) programs at all levels of education.

From professionals at the peak of their careers to individuals who are new to the profession, ACTE supports career and technical educators at all levels of responsibility.

ACTE caters to the needs of its members by providing resources, tools and networking opportunities that they need to help students succeed.

Members of ACTE share an interest in enhancing their professional skills and supporting each other. Furthermore, ACTE members have a vested interest in the vitality of the profession.

The care that ACTE members receive from ACTE not only strengthens them as individuals, but helps support the entire profession. As educators join ACTE to gain the professional benefits of membership, the organization becomes a stronger, more effectual force in gaining support for the profession.



Who We Are

ACTE is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers.

What We Do

ACTE is committed to enhancing the job performance and satisfaction of its members; increasing public awareness and appreciation for career and technical programs; and assuring growth in local, state and federal funding for these programs by communicating and working with legislators and government leaders.

Meeting Your Professional Needs

ACTE's first priority is its members. The Association provides a number of outstanding benefits tailored to meet your personal and professional needs. These programs and services provide you with resources and information to make your job easier and more rewarding, allowing you to focus on things that are most important to your work.

ACTE Membership Benefits Include:

■ **IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS, CLASSROOM TOOLS, AND BEST PRACTICES** ACTE's award-winning publication, *Techniques*, gives you all this and more. In addition, you can get even more out of *Techniques* by taking advantage of TechCredit, a program by which you can earn college credit or professional development units.

■ **CTE NEWS** ACTE's twice-monthly electronic newsletter, *Career Tech Update*, gives you success stories from the field, insight into the latest CTE policy issues in the news, and provides information about regional and local education programs of interest.

■ **QUALITY NETWORKING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** The Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo and the National Policy Seminar allow you to interact with other CTE educators, business and institutional partners, and policymakers face-to-face. As an attendee, you can choose from a variety of sessions across a wide range of subjects—sessions that are designed to help you take

the most relevant information back to your classroom or office.

■ **INSTANT ACCESS TO THOUSANDS OF COLLEAGUES** ACTE's online Communities of Practice help you gain access to online discussion and information specific to your professional interests from other professionals around the country.

■ **TIMELY LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

ACTE's electronic legislative alerts provide you with breaking news on Capitol Hill activities that affect CTE programming, funding and support. The online Legislative Action Center allows you to get information on the legislative process, follow the voting records of your representatives, and reach out to policymakers on a local, state and national level.

■ **CLASSROOM HELP** ACTE's online lesson plan library allows you to search a list of CTE lesson plans by topic or post a lesson plan of your own.



BENEFITS CONTINUED ►

ACTE is the avenue that I use to get all my information. I can get everything in one place. I don't have to go to two and three and four different places.

—Crystal Taylor

DIRECTOR OF TECH PREP AND DUAL ENROLLMENT
THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HAMPTON, VA.

■ **PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION** The ACTE National Awards Program gives you the opportunity to nominate a colleague, or yourself, to receive recognition on a national stage for professional accomplishments and dedication to CTE.

■ **UNIQUE BOOK TITLES** The online ACTE bookstore sells a number of education-related books and brochures on various CTE subjects. To help make buying easier, ACTE chooses a special book every month that you can purchase at an additional discount.

■ **DISCOUNT ON OFFICE SUPPLIES** Office Depot offers you major discounts on office supplies as an ACTE member through the Strategic Alliance Program, accessible from the ACTE Web site. You can purchase a variety of products at low prices.

■ **RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM** The ACTE vendor directory provides you with a one-stop listing of companies that provide various products and services to help you manage and supply your classroom or program. As a national association, ACTE has access to education-related vendors you want to reach. ACTE has gathered these vendors in a way that allows you to easily search for what you need.

■ **BUYING SUPPORT** As an ACTE member, you can apply for an ACTE Affinity credit card at a

special introductory rate. Show your support for ACTE and CTE with the ACTE affinity credit card. New accounts benefit from a special introductory rate.



■ **HELP WITH EDUCATION COSTS** The ACTE Wells Fargo Capital for Knowledge Education Loan Program® gives you access to loans for specific education-financing goals such as private school, higher education, or professional, and career and technical programs. The program also provides loans for consolidation of education-related debt, as well as federal Stafford and PLUS loans.

■ **CAREER ADVANCEMENT** ACTE's job bank allows you to explore today's jobs with the click of a button. You can post an anonymous resume for free, allowing employers to search for you, or you can view the latest employment positions in our database.

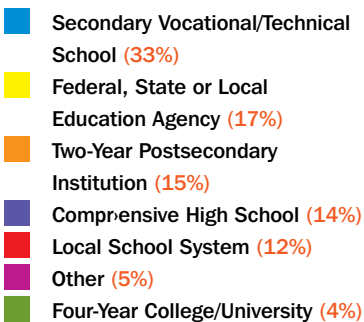
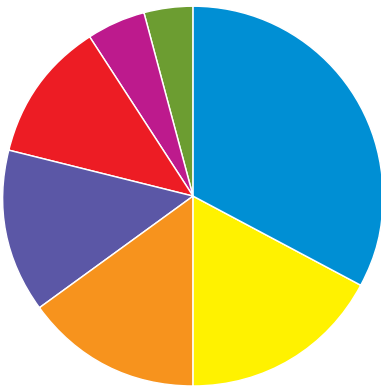
■ **PEACE OF MIND** So that you can think about other more important things, ACTE provides all current dues paying members with a \$25,000 policy for common carrier accidental death and dismemberment insurance within the first year of annual membership. The policy increases by \$5,000 annually with continuous membership renewal (up to a maximum of \$50,000) plus you get access to affordable insurance options through ACTE's group buying program.

Strengthening the Profession With Your Representation and Support

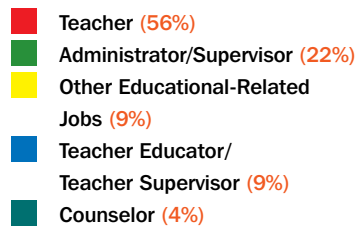
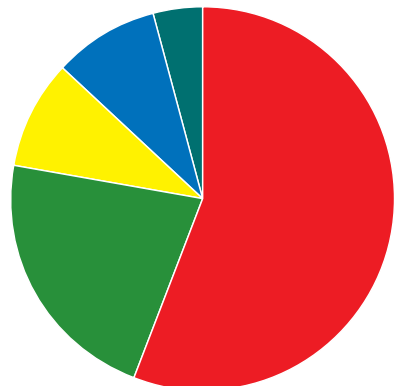
ACTE is made up of individuals just like you who are not only respected teachers, administrators and institutional leaders in their local community, but national representatives who characterize various segments of the profession.

The support from members across the spectrum of CTE strengthens ACTE's effectiveness in advocating for issues related to the interests of the entire profession. The following is a snapshot of ACTE's members by their institution/organization and position.

ACTE MEMBERS BY INSTITUTION/ ORGANIZATION



ACTE MEMBERS BY POSITION



*ACTE supports career and technical education nationwide.
That's my job. ACTE is my future.*

—Joseph Stemrich

ELECTRICAL OCCUPATIONS TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR
CAREER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, EASTON, PENN.

ACTE Divisions

Members are organized into 12 divisions or segments of CTE that help align each individual's field of expertise with professionals who either teach or hold positions in the same industry.

ACTE members designate a division as part of their annual membership. Each division is represented on ACTE's Board of Directors by an elected vice president.

■ ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

■ ADULT WORKFORCE

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

■ AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DIVISION

■ BUSINESS EDUCATION DIVISION

■ FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

EDUCATION DIVISION

■ GUIDANCE DIVISION

■ HEALTH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DIVISION

■ MARKETING EDUCATION DIVISION

■ NEW AND RELATED SERVICES DIVISION

- Adult Vocational Education
- Cooperative Work Experience
- Instructional Materials

• Professional Development

• Public Information

• Related Subjects

• Research

• Makers of Policy

• International

• Support Staff

• CBITS (Customized Business & Industry Training Services)

• Tech Prep

• School-to-Work

■ SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION

■ TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DIVISION

■ TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION DIVISION



Additional Information about ACTE Membership

- Members who belong to ACTE can also belong to a state association.
- Some states are unified, which means that members must belong to both the state and national associations.
- Some states are non-unified, which

means that members have the option to join the state association.

- Members can also belong to multiple divisions. There may be a fee.

Please contact ACTE at 800-826-9972 or acte@acteonline.org for questions about membership.

Join ACTE Today!



Joining is Easy

Visit the ACTE Web site at www.acteonline.org/join. You can download an application or join online.

You can also call 800-826-9972 or e-mail acte@acteonline.org and a member services representative will gladly assist you.

If you would like more information or for an ACTE services representative to contact you, please complete the following form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in receiving more information about:

- Membership
- Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo
- National Policy Seminar
- ACTE Bookstore
- Techniques* magazine
- Career Tech Update*
- ACTE/MBNA Credit Card
- CTE Month

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