



Announcement of CTE Spring 2023 SPAN Conference

March 13-14, The Citizen Hotel, Sacramento & Virtually

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The California Council on Teacher Education’s annual spring conference in Sacramento is the Spring Policy Action Network, or SPAN. Designed for capacity-building, advocacy, and learning, SPAN 2023 will continue to position CTE as a powerful voice for educator preparation. The CTE Policy Committee, which plans the SPAN Conferences, would like you to take note of some important highlights as you look ahead to March 13-14.

First, we will again meet in person at The Citizen Hotel in 2023, with virtual options. A Conference registration form follows on page 3 of this announcement, and you can reserve a guest room at The Citizen Hotel by calling 877-781-8559 by February 13 (to get the conference rate be sure to ask for a room in the CTE block). The Citizen puts us right in the middle of the city, within blocks of the Capitol. Nearby coffee shops, restaurants, and parks make it a great place to reconnect with colleagues.

Second, in 2023 we are again meeting on a Monday-Tuesday format. Plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 13 and conference sessions will end by 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. This early-in-the-week schedule reflects feedback we have received from legislative offices about the availability of legislators and staff. Our appointments (likely virtual via Zoom) with legislative offices will be scheduled on Tuesday, March 14, and will give us more opportunities to talk with policymakers. Otherwise all the same conference features will be present, including: associated group meetings for ACCCTEP, AICCU-ED, CABTE, CAPSE, and the field coordinators; the deans meeting; research roundtables (see the call for proposals on page 4 of this announcement); policy speakers and allies; and of course, our “day on the hill” activities. Please see the tentative schedule on page 2 of this announcement.

Finally, we will conduct a CTE Policy Survey again this year to gather knowledge and insight about the current state of educator preparation from a cross-section of constituencies that underscores CTE’s unique membership and reach. Pre-service and in-service educators and those who prepare and support them will have an opportunity to respond to the survey, thereby allowing CTE to provide policymakers as well as the CTE membership with comprehensive insights from educators across the state. We’ll be working again with the REAL Lab (University of Redlands) for IRB approval, data analysis, and summary reports, making this survey an effective tool for our conversations with legislators and staff. So when you see the survey link in your email in December, please share it broadly with your faculty, candidates, and cooperating teachers and of course, complete the survey yourself.

We are excited about these steps, and looking forward to seeing our CTE friends and colleagues in Sacramento.

See on the following pages:
Tentative SPAN 2023 Program; SPAN 2023 Registration Form; SPAN 2023 Call for Proposals