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*Delaware Department of Education*

# Career & Technical Education New Teacher Summer Institute

August 5-6, 2025



**Delaware Legislative Hall**  
411 Legislative Ave  
Dover, DE 19901

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# Introduction

The summer institute aims to provide new CTE teachers with the necessary tools and resources to excel in their roles. The program will cover a wide range of topics including instructional strategies, curriculum development, classroom management techniques, and ways to integrate hands-on learning experiences into their lessons. Experienced educators and industry professionals will lead workshops and provide mentorship to help teachers navigate their first year in the field. By fostering a supportive and collaborative environment, the institute seeks to empower teachers to inspire and guide students towards successful careers in various industries.



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## PDMS REGISTRATION CODES

**Course:** 43535

**Section:** 89132

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# Message From Our Director

Dr. Jonathan Wickert  
*Director*

Career and Technical Education and STEM Initiatives



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Welcome to the Career & Technical Education team!

Career and Technical Education programs are the heart of Delaware's workforce system. We prepare the next generation of skilled professionals by emphasizing the importance of both technical skills and academic excellence. Our team's vision is for each of you to provide an equitable and high-quality education, enriching experiences, and meaningful relationships that allow students to achieve their individual career and life goals. Student growth occurs in a curated environment that advances empowerment, belonging, personal satisfaction, and success regardless of the personal/social identifiers of the student or educator. We accomplish this by striving to ensure inclusive environments that advance empowerment and belonging for both the learner and the educator.

At the heart of our collective success is our shared values. First and foremost, we seek out, prioritize, and intentionally incorporate student, educator, and community voice in all that we do. We center all initiatives and conversations around measurable goals that prioritize equity, student growth, and educator success. We also practice a growth mindset for partners and ourselves and use data transparently to challenge assumptions, support discussions, nurture intentional partnerships, and make decisions. Most importantly, we exemplify our values by acting as a team to support one another, reach goals, and celebrate success. These commitments are why we are the nation's career pathways model. Visit the Delaware Pathways website for more information.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs of study provide students the opportunity to explore various career paths, develop practical skills, and prepare for the workforce through hands-on learning experiences that can lead to industry certifications, recession-resistant careers, and wealth-generating wages. We help make dreams come true.

We are here to help navigate your journey to success. Let's get started!

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**CTE New Teacher Summer Institute**

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# August 5, 2025

## Itinerary

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Time	Topic
8:30 - 8:45	Registration
8:45-9:15	Welcome & Overview
9:15 - 9:45	What is a CTE Program of Study & CTSO
9:45 - 10:15	Establishing & Utilizing Your Advisory Board
10:15 - 11:00	Introduction to Funding
11:00 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 1:30	Academic vs. Technical Education: How to Engage Your Students
1:30 - 2:30	Supporting Students with Disabilities in CTE
2:30 - 3:30	Unpacking the Day: Professional Learning Communities
3:30 - 4:00	Reflective Practice: Q & A

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# August 6, 2025

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Time	Topic
8:30 - 8:45	Registration
8:45-9:15	Welcome & Overview for Day 2
9:15 - 9:45	Introduction to Equity & Cultural Competence
9:45 - 11:00	Introduction to Your CTSO Breakout Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Starting / Maintaining a Chapter</li><li>• Skill Attainment Events</li><li>• Key Dates</li><li>• Advisor Survival Skills</li></ul>
11:00 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 3:30	Unpacking Your Curriculum Breakout Session
3:30 - 4:00	Reflective Practice: Q & A



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# Your CTE Team & Breakout Sessions

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## Dr. Jonathan Wickert

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## Mike Fitzgerald

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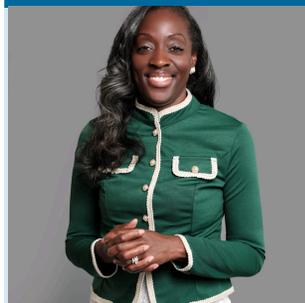
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