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Forum for Excellence - Key Note Speaker Confirmed

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Edward Burger has been confirmed as this year's keynote speaker. Dr. Burger is President of Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX as well as a professor of mathematics, and an educational and business consultant on thinking, innovation, and creativity. Dr Burger has been recognized as a "game changer" by the Huffington Post a recognition saluting innovators, visionaries, mavericks, and leaders who are reshaping their fields and changing the world. In addition he was named a Global Hero in Education by Microsoft Worldwide Education.



The Forum for Excellence is designed to highlight educational initiatives, policy and effective practices impacting career and technical education, and adult education. You will not want to miss this year's Forum! Learn about the new IET models, effective strategies for teaching and engaging students, and how WIOA will impact career and technical and adult education.

Hotel information can be found here: [ICSPS Forum for Excellence Venue Page](#)

Registration is now open:

[Register for the Forum for Excellence Today!](#)

At A Glance:

Forum for Excellence

Professional Development in September

Civil Rights: Notice of Nondiscrimination

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Upcoming Professional Development:

ICAPS Braided Funding Webinar

Join us for an engaging webinar presentation designed to give ICAPS Programs detailed information about the fundamental components of braided funding.

- September 15, 10:00 AM CDT

Illinois Advisory Committee Webinar Series

ICSPS, in partnership with the National Career Pathways Network, will be bringing you the Illinois Advisory Committee Webinar Series. The series will include 3 webinars on September 6, 14, and 22.

Session 1: Benefits and Set-up of Advisory Committees

ICSPS is now on Facebook!

Follow our page to keep up to date with everything that's happening in the CTE world. We post professional resources regularly to keep you informed of new developments.

Visit our Facebook page here: [Click here](#)

Civil Rights fact of the month:

The regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and the Age Discrimination Act contain requirements for recipients to issue notices of nondiscrimination. These regulations require that recipients notify students, parents, and the community that they do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age. These categories are prescribed by the legislation and must be present.

For more information on notices of nondiscrimination, what they include, and how they must be decimated to the public visit the IL Civil Rights Review Website:

[Click here](#)

– September 6, 10:00 AM CDT

Session 2: Maintenance of Advisory Committees & Members Guide
– September 14, 2:00 PM CDT

Session 3: Growth of Advisory Committee
– Thursday, September 22, 10:00 AM CDT

Electronic and Web Accessibility Webinar Series

This series will provide valuable information on how to ensure your electronic resources are accessible to all students and how to judge your compliance with civil rights legislation related to web accessibility. The series will be delivered in two parts on September 7 and September 21.

Session 1: Introduction to Electronic and Web Accessibility: What You Need to Know and How to Self-Assess
– September 7, 10:00 – 11:30 AM CDT

Session 2: Creating Accessible Documents and Providing Accessible Online Content.
– September 21, 10:00 – 11:30 AM CDT

Participants must register for each webinar independently. Information and registration links can be found by following the link below:

<http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu>

Focus on Special Populations: Recruiting Nontraditional Students

ICSPS is committed to assisting the Illinois Community College System improve its service to special populations. One expression of this commitment is a continuing series of professional development related to special populations. This fall and winter ICSPS will focus on recruitment and retention of special populations, and will present professional development related to this topic through webinars and presentations at the forum for excellence. Gender equity issues pose a significant barrier to recruitment of students into Nontraditional Occupation programs (NTOs). Difficulties recruiting students into nontraditional careers are compounded by the fact that most learners do not picture themselves working in nontraditional fields; they need consistent exposure to materials and career exploration activities to stimulate their interests. In light of these barriers traditional awareness-raising recruitment methods are insufficient to impact career decision making. While there are a number of strategies that colleges can employ to reach potential students for nontraditional career programs the following are a brief list of activities that can be used to spread awareness of nontraditional careers:

- Provide workshops, career fairs, career panels, and other events that highlight NTOs.
- Invite learners and parents to an NTO program site to eliminate misconceptions about CTE programs and nontraditional careers.
- Display posters, brochures, flyers, websites, and other promotional materials that feature photos and testimonials of current learners and graduates of CTE programs that are working in nontraditional occupations.

These activities can help you build program awareness in the community. In our professional development series, we will provide evidence-based strategies that can help you design events and recruitment material to best engage the potential nontraditional students and tailor your message to fit the way they evaluate career interest and choice of academic program.

Partner's Upcoming Events

We are happy to share this news from our partner organizations Southern Illinois Professional Development Center (SIPDC) will be offering the following professional development opportunities in the coming months.

Free Online Training Opportunities

The Transitioning Continuum of Professional Development is available through SIPDC. It provides free online professional development to improve transition knowledge from basic to complex. Choose from more than 30 options of on-demand training with downloadable resources for instructors. Included in the options are: Smart Phone Apps for Education, Interview Techniques, Resume Writing, Goal Setting, Self-Advocacy, Career Plans, Workplace Systems & Culture, How to Keep Your Job, and Creating and Sustaining Partnerships for the Career Navigator.

Institute to Credential Special Learning Needs Resource Specialists

Looking for ways to better understand and reach the learning needs of your students? Need some resources and strategies? The Institute to Credential Special Learning Needs Resource Specialists provides this and more.

For more information on any of SIPDC's PD or resources contact Sarah Goldammer at sgoldam@siue.edu.

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