## ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2016 November 30 – December 3, 2016, Las Vegas, Nevada INSERVICE EVALUATION SUMMARY

5 = Excellent 4 = Very Good 3 = Good 2 = Fair 1 = Poor

## **Conference Objectives**

- Exciting, informative, and inspirational educational agenda packed with hundreds of sessions.
- Exceptional networking opportunities with thousands of CTE peers and professionals.
- Provocative discussions on public education from high-profile education experts.
- Practical in-classroom strategies for propelling your students into an increasingly competitive workforce.
- The latest CTE innovations, making dramatic differences in student outcomes.

1. The extent to which the written objectives have been met.	4.29
2. Participant perception of relevance and quality of the conference.	4.11
3. The extent to which the following activities addressed by the conference have been met:	
a. Opportunities for participants to collect and analyze evidence related to student learning.	3.80
b. Professional certificate standards.	3.66
c. School and district improvement efforts.	3.83
d. K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment.	3.54
e. Research-based instructional strategies and assessment practices.	4.06
f. Content of current or anticipated assignment.	4.11
g. Advocacy for students and leadership, supervision, mentoring/coaching.	3.97
h. Building a collaborative learning community.	4.31

## Suggestions for improving the conference:

- I would like the vendors to stay the entire time, not leave early. I thought the format was great!
- If an app is going to be used for scheduling at a conference, please make sure it works. The
  app for the conference did not work correctly for me and others. Give more in between sessions
  for the presenters to get ready. I felt the sessions were poorly managed. Several sessions I
  was interested were cancelled.
- Excellent conference with a wide variety of vendors. The hard part was choosing a session. Also love closing presenter Dr. Rigsby.
- More food vendors. The lines were too long. Hard to choose sessions.
- Several of the administrator sections were cancelled this year that was a bit disappointing.
- The ACTE's Vision Conference is amazing, rejuvenating, and offers so much for all the different facets of CTE. I wish more educators would take the opportunity to attend and gain the professional development opportunities that is available while attending. Also the collaboration between the CTE areas is helpful being able to share and learn new ideas to take back to your classroom.

- Honestly, it just depends on which session you pick and sometimes I regretted my choice so many sounded awesome each session.
- This was my first Vision conference. I thought it was very good! I may have missed it in the program, but it would have been nice to have a WA-ACTE connection at some point during the conference.
- A kudo is my appreciation for the informative rubrics and frameworks for employability skills, soft skills, and job readiness skills! Outstanding!
- Avoid blocking same types of sessions in the same time slot. Need variety. Also when hosting large panels of national people, avoid Friday on the last time slot. People don't stay.
- The administrative strand was a bit weak to me. I loved the collaborative admin session and enjoyed the business meeting and a few other sessions. I was disappointed that two of the sessions I tried to attend were not offered because the presenter did not show up. Several of us sat there waiting in both of these sessions. There was no notice of a cancellation or change of rooms. Luckily, I stumbled into a few 'non admin' sessions that were great! Also, several of the sessions were crammed full with no sitting room at all. Overall, I really enjoyed the sessions.
- It was a great conference, my first big one. Still in awe. Opening session with Debbi not so much
  no enthusiasm. Class's awesome. Closing with Dr. Rick, fantastic, lots to relate to and a great
  speaker. The only other note I have is, which probably was me for not looking closer. I didn't
  know we were supposed to scan in at the classes until closing session and noticed it on the
  screen. All else totally awesome.
- The conference content was fantastic. The hotel and conference center facilities were not what you would expect for the cost. Empty water containers at the start of the day and very few places for breakfast early enough to attend opening session. Spoiled by WA-ACTE!
- This was my first ever and it was great. I would like more reception times. Networking is so powerful.
- We need to have an opportunity for all who attend from our state to connect/network with each other and our OSPI program supervisors and WA-ACTE reps in attendance.
- Have lunch and breakfast buffets included in registration. Too hard to quickly get healthy food during the conference.
- The conference was amazing. The classes were well done and the app and website for materials was a nice touch. My only issue was that I had to sit on the floor for almost every session.
- The app was great for those who were able to get it, but for those who couldn't there needs to be some other options for getting information.
- Coffee and water service in the conference room(s) would be nice. Checking in would be easier
  on the app. Would be more efficient that waiting in a line of 35-60 people to scan my badge.
- The first main speaker needs to be inspirations. I felt it was a little boring even though her story was good.
- It was a great conference. The facilities were not able to handle the volume (Starbucks) of people we had, having 3 major functions at one time (wrestling, cowboy Christmas, and ACTE).
- Great breakout sessions, each breakout time had an extensive variety of sessions to attend
  whether in your specific section of attendance or as a part of a non-specific section session. The
  speaker Rigsby was amazing. It was wonderful to end the conference on a positive, inspiring,
  and motivational note. This is what I look for in conferences, an uplifting and inspirational end
  in order to get back to the classroom uplifted. Amazing!
- Holding the session at multiple site/locations was too confusing and difficult to make sessions on time.