



Advocacy, Awareness, Access



The State Perspective

ACTE of Nebraska

With more than 67 years of experience, the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) is the professional association for all career and technical educators at the state level, offering services to CTE professionals. ACTEN is the association for teachers, administrators and support staff. It is also for personnel in middle schools, high schools, area technology centers, technical or community colleges, state colleges and universities. As an affiliate of ACTE, ACTEN members have national representation and access to professional development materials.

ACTEN Services

- Advocates for CTE before the Nebraska Unicameral and the U.S. Congress.
- Serves as a communication hub for members and CTE professionals.
- Partners with the NE Department of Education to sponsor the annual Nebraska Career Education Conference.
- Partners with Partnerships for Innovation to sponsor leadership development and collaboration among Career Education professional associations in Nebraska
- ACTEN is committed to securing on-going funding for career education student organizations and the Student Leadership Center.
- ACTEN is the unifying voice for Career and Technical Education in Nebraska.

ACTEN Benefits

- Professional Development
- Legislative Advocacy
- Networking
- Leadership Skills Development
- ACTEN on the Web, www.actenebraska.org
- Awards Program
- Teaching Resources
- Encouraging Careers

ACTEN's Revitalization Quest

Today, ACTEN is pursuing a path of revitalization to become even more supportive of CTE professionals—teachers, administrators and support staff—and even more effective in advocating for CTE programs. This effort will build on ACTEN's successes in:

- Achieving support from ACTEN's federal legislators.
- Increasing awareness of accomplishment and continued need with the Nebraska Unicameral.
- Enhancing the public image of CTE—it's not for the other person's child; it's for everyone.

Future efforts will seek to:

- increase member participation in ACTEN's decision-making
- improve communication and awareness among members regarding issues affecting them
- promote the CTE system and individual accomplishments
- expand benefits for all CTE professionals

ACTEN values every member. With more members, its decisions and efforts will benefit all Nebraska CTE programs and organizations. With more members, it will be stronger and better able to advocate for a stronger CTE system and for all CTE professionals.

ACTEN needs you!

ACTEN can better support all career and technical education professionals if each of us is available to support ACTEN's initiatives. You can assist ACTEN by becoming or continuing to be a member, serving on committees and the ACTEN Board, and being a leader in your school or district. ACTEN needs your input to guide its program development. Join Today!

ACTE and ACTEN: Working Together for CTE

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) invite you to join thousands of your colleagues in support of career and technical education.

By joining both of these dynamic associations, you will receive information from both national and state perspectives, have access to peers in-state and across the country and benefit from state and national advocacy.

Working together, ACTE and ACTEN give you the tools, resources and information you need not only to be a successful educator, but also to help you guide America's future workforce and develop the next generation of CTE educators.

The National Perspective

ACTE

ACTE is the largest national association that is dedicated to and advocates for the entire CTE field. Founded in 1926, it is the largest national education association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. Its mission is to provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared and competitive workforce.

ACTE provides a number of services that benefit its members in the classroom, in the community and in legislative halls. If you have any questions about ACTE, please call 800-826-9972 or e-mail acte@acteonline.org. Here is how ACTE's services benefit you:

Advocacy

ACTE is the largest national association that advocates for the entire CTE community. ACTE's dedicated Public Policy Department constantly monitors activity on Capitol Hill, reports on that activity and enlists your help when needed. ACTE works hard to ensure Perkins and other education funding continue to directly benefit CTE, making this one of the most important benefits to you as a CTE educator.

Awareness

Knowing the latest trends, practices and resources helps you become a better, and better informed, educator. ACTE makes its members aware of what's happening, what's available and what's on the horizon through its publications, conventions and meetings, and Web site.

As a member, you will receive *Techniques*, the 64-page magazine published eight times a year; *Career Tech Update*, ACTE's daily electronic newsletter; *ACTE News*, a monthly update on Association news; and Legislative Updates, which bring you breaking news and guidance for affecting change in federal education legislation, policy and funding. These valuable resources provide you with resources, case studies, trends and practical tips that keep you up to date and informed.

ACTE's Annual Convention and National Policy Seminar are high-quality professional development experiences that pull in expert speakers to provide the information you need to improve existing programs, create new ones and learn about what your colleagues are doing that help students succeed.

ACTE's Web site, www.acteonline.org, is a vast resource for any career and technical educator. In addition to the latest CTE news, this site has a library of lesson plans for teachers, updates on all legislative activity, and podcasts and Webcasts on unique and interesting topics.

Access

ACTE provides its members with access to information and resources, access to each other and access to industry experts.

Members can tap into a vast pool of information and resources. The publications, Web site and electronic media provide members with what they need to know when they need to know it.

Members also have access to each other. Valuable networking occurs during the Association's Annual Convention and National Policy Seminar. These face-to-face events are ideal for sharing and gathering ideas

and increasing your network of resources. In addition, ACTE has a dynamic online community environment where, at any time, you can interact with colleagues from around the country on a variety of topics.

Learning from industry experts is another way ACTE helps its members. From audio interviews to Convention speakers to magazine articles, ACTE taps into the experts' knowledge and shares that information with its members. Advancing your career is easy with the knowledge base ACTE provides.

Extreme Value

The advocacy, awareness and access that ACTE members receive do come at a price, but the cost to join ACTE is negligible when you consider the value. In addition to the contacts, knowledge and information you will gain, ACTE membership easily pays for itself—attend one Annual Convention or buy a few books and you'll see how. What costs \$80 could result in more than \$400 in savings. Combine that with the offerings from your state association (\$30 plus Division dues), and you have a deal that can't be beat.

For a complete list of additional ACTE benefits and services, including the ACTE credit card, insurance and awards program, please visit www.acteonline.org/join.aspx or call 800-826-9972.

Why Join?

ACTE and ACTEN are committed to your individual success and the promotion and support of CTE as a whole. Included in this brochure is a simple membership form so you can add yourself to the number of career and technical educators dedicated to ensuring CTE remains a valuable education pathway.

CTE educators in Nebraska are required to join both ACTE and ACTEN. If you prefer, you can join ACTE and ACTEN online at www.acteonline.org/join.aspx. Once there, you will be asked to create a profile. After saving your profile, you will be able to easily join and immediately start benefiting from your investment.

To join ACTE and ACTEN, remit the completed form and payment to:
 ACTEN, P.O. Box 89, Waverly, NE 68462 or visit www.acteonline.org/join.aspx.

Name

School/Organization Name

Preferred Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone

E-mail

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- Regular (\$80 ACTE + \$30 ACTEN)¹ \$110
- Full-time Student (ACTE free + ACTEN free) \$0

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP

- Administration (ADM) \$0
- Agricultural Education (AGR) \$0
- Business Education (BUS) \$0
- Family & Consumer Sciences Education (FAM) \$0
- Engineering and Technology Education (ETE) \$0
- Guidance and Career Development (GUI) \$0
- Health Science Education (HEA) \$0
- Marketing Education (MAR) \$0
- Areas of Interest** (optional)
- Co-Operative Education
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Hospitality and Tourism
 - Internships
 - Management
 - National Academy Foundation Programs
 - Sports and Entertainment
 - Student Store Operations
- Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education (AWD) \$0
- Special Populations (SPE) \$0
- Trade and Industrial Education (TRA) \$0

* **New and Related Services (NRS)**

Students must complete and mail the student application form, which can be found at www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Membership/files/Student_Membership_Application4.pdf.

*If you selected the New and Related additional Division, please select one Services Division as a primary or section within that Division below.

- Career Academy (T)
- Cooperative Work Experience (B)
- Integration of Academics and Career & Technical Education (F)
- Information Technology (S)
- Instructional Materials (C)
- International (I)
- Makers of Policy (H)
- Professional Development (D)
- Public Information (E)
- Research (G)
- ROTC (R)
- Safe Schools (P)
- School-to-Work/Career (N)
- Support Staff (J)
- Teacher Educators (O)
- Tech Prep (M)
- Other (K)

Total

\$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check enclosed
- Credit Card
- Visa
 - MasterCard
 - AMEX
 - Discover

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Security Code²

Card Holder Name

Billing ZIP

Signature

- ACTE membership includes dues for one Division. Each additional Division costs \$10.00 each.
- The security code for Visa, MasterCard and Discover is the last three digits of the number printed on the signature panel on the back of the card. The security code for American Express cards is a small four digit number printed on the front of the card above and to the right of the credit card number.
- ACTE dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for U.S. federal income tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense.
- ACTE does not accept purchase orders for memberships.
- Please enter the code at the bottom of the page when you join so we can maintain accurate membership records. You can select the code from a drop-down menu online at checkout.

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