

CBTE 2023 gathering at CBExchange to be held this fall

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The annual gathering on competency-based theological education—CBTE 2023—will be held during the CBExchange conference, October 3 to 6, 2023, at the Omni Amelia Island Resort in Florida. Registration is open to anyone who would like to learn more about competency-based education (CBE) and CBTE. The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is also offering scholarship funding for the fifth consecutive year to participants from ATS member schools.

CBExchange, an annual conference hosted by the Competency-Based Education Network, is the foremost conference on CBE, where leaders from hundreds of institutions gather to learn how to build and bring to scale high-quality programs. CBTE participants attend CBExchange and CBTE-specific sessions throughout the day and gather each morning and afternoon as a cohort to share ideas, questions, and insights.

CBE is an approach to learning that emphasizes the mastery of specific skills and knowledge rather than the completion of a certain number of courses or credits. Students progress based on their abilities to demonstrate mastery of a particular skill or set of skills, rather than on the amount of time they spend in a classroom or on the completion of a certain number of assignments. It is a respected model of education that has been utilized in higher education for decades and it has roots in vocational training and apprenticeship.

CBTE draws on many of the best practices of CBE, with additional emphasis on holistic formation, mentor-guided learning, and contextualized application and assessment.



The CBTE cohort at CBExchange is an opportunity to engage with like-minded educators and experts in the field, exchanging ideas and strategies to improve the effectiveness, accessibility, and affordability of theological education.

ATS is offering scholarships of \$500 toward CBExchange registration and \$300 toward conference hotel costs to a limited number of CBExchange attendees who wish to participate in the CBTE 2023 cohort. Scholarship applicants must be employees of an ATS member school, and a maximum of two participants per school may receive scholarships depending on demand. More information, along with the scholarship application form, is available on the CBTE webpage. The application deadline is June 15, 2023.

If you have questions, please contact Ruth McGillivray or Nikki Lanigan at cbte@nbseminary.ca.



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