

CBTE 2024 gathering at CBExchange to be held this fall, ATS scholarships available

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The annual gathering on competency-based theological education—CBTE 2024—will be held during the CBExchange conference, November 11 to 14, 2024, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO. Registration for this in-person-only conference 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 sixth consecutive year to participants from ATS member schools.

Last year's CBTE cohort at CBExchange saw a record number of participants, and CBTE has become a regular topic at theological education conferences. The International Council for Evangelical Theological Education has hosted two global gatherings to explore CBTE for formal and informal theological education in the majority world. The integration of CBTE into accreditation standards by theological accreditors worldwide further underscores its growing significance.

CBExchange and CBTE cohort

CBExchange is the premier global conference on competency-based education, held annually by the Competency-Based Education Network (CBEN). The conference is designed for leaders who recognize that individuals should advance in work and education based on demonstrated skills.



As a member of the CBTE cohort, you will have the opportunity to gather daily with like-minded colleagues to share challenges and ideas, attend general conference sessions, and choose from more than 130 breakout sessions on topics such as:

- Leveraging partnerships to define competencies and skill frameworks
- Innovations in leveraging AI and technology
- Business and funding models
- Policy issues and government actions to facilitate shifts to skills-based learning

Last year, one of the featured sessions of the CBTE cohort was a model showcase where each school shared key elements of their CBTE/CBE programs. This session will be offered again, along with a full track of breakout sessions from CBTE presenters on topics including:

- Principles and practices of a competency-based approach to theological education
- Understanding and engaging different learning styles

- Competency-based ordination
- Using an apprenticeship model to develop professional dispositions and behaviors

ATS scholarships

ATS is offering scholarships up to \$1,000 per person to a limited number of CBExchange attendees who wish to participate in the CBTE 2024 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. Scholarship funds will be sent to individual schools after the conference, eliminating the need for discount codes for registration.

Early registration is encouraged. To apply for a scholarship, complete the form on the CBTE website by June 14, 2024. Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 21, 2024.

Call for speakers

There are still limited spaces available for speakers in the CBTE track. If you have experience or information you would like to share with your CBTE colleagues, submit a speaker proposal by June 14, 2024.

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