

Registration now open for CBTE 2023 gathering, scholarship funding available

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Registration is now open for CBExchange (the world's foremost conference on competency-based education) and CBTE 2023 (the annual gathering on competency-based theological education) to be held October 3–6, 2023, at the Omni Amelia Island Resort in Florida.

Anyone who would like to learn more about competency-based education (CBE) and CBTE is invited to attend. The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is, once again, offering scholarship funding to participants from ATS member schools.

The annual CBTE track at CBExchange connects theological educators to the broader CBE movement in North America and gives them the extensive knowledge, expertise, and resources available through the Competency-Based Education Network (C-BEN). The track also provides specialized support and guidance to theological schools and agencies that are exploring, developing, and enhancing CBTE. Now in its sixth year, the conference fosters connection and shares best practices with like-minded educators and experts in the field, allowing them to exchange ideas and strategies to improve the effectiveness, accessibility, and affordability of theological education.

This year, the track will be led by a team of five experienced CBTE educators: Greg Henson, president, Kairos



University; Nathan Hitchcock, principal, Sevensided Consulting; Julie Lytle, director of distributive and lifelong learning initiatives and associate professor of educational leadership, Bexley Hall Seabury-Western Theological Seminary Federation, Inc.; Ruth McGillivray, executive vice president, Northwest Seminary; and Susan Reese, professor of spiritual formation, Kairos University.



CBExchange

In addition to the 100+ CBExchange conference sessions available to attendees, the track will include a preconference Introduction to CBTE workshop, daily CBTE cohort gatherings to discuss

shared questions and insights, and featured CBTE sessions on topics including:

- How commonly held ways of knowing can hinder learners' growth and development
- Assessing competencies of character and the affective domain

- Best practices for creating and managing mentor teams in varied contexts
- A faculty case study on moving from course-based to mentor-based programs
- Growth, challenges, and observations in the CBTE movement worldwide

ATS is offering scholarship funding for the fifth consecutive year to participants from ATS member schools. Scholarships of \$500 toward CBExchange registration and \$300 toward conference hotel costs will be awarded

to a limited number of participants. Applicants must be employees of an ATS member school, and a maximum of two participants per school may receive scholarships depending on demand. Schools that received *Pathways* Phase 2 or Phase 3 grants maybe eligible to receive additional scholarships. More information, along with the scholarship application form, is available on the [CBTE webpage](#). The application deadline is June 16, 2023.

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



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