

# Conference Preview and Registration Information

## Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas State Professional Development Conference



*Navigating... Transitioning... Achieving...*

August 2-6, 2010  
Sheraton Dallas Hotel  
Dallas, Texas

# Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas

## State Professional Development Conference

April 2010

The 2010 FCSTAT State Professional Development Conference will provide intensive, sustainable, professional development and training for courses taught by Family and Consumer Sciences Educators that are included in the Education & Training, Hospitality & Tourism, Human Services, Arts/AV Technology and the Architecture and Construction Career Clusters. The conference, entitled *Navigating...Transitioning...Achieving...*, will be held August 2-6, 2010 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone 214.922.8000.

The conference will feature two general sessions with noted national speakers and state leaders being utilized in the general sessions to provide overall direction and focus for conference participants. In addition to addressing curriculum, resources, priorities, policies, and procedures for effective local programs coming under the five career clusters, this year's meeting will also be important for informing participants of current issues related to student achievement and success; and the newly revised curriculum. Priority will be given to technology training, conflict resolution/mediation strategies, effective teaching strategies for diverse student populations, maximizing career preparation opportunities, and accommodating the instructional needs of all students. These areas of focus reflect priorities of federal Perkins funding as well as state initiatives.

Conference programming will provide sessions relevant to all career and technical education teachers in grades 7-12 with teaching assignments in five career clusters and training in Module 4 and Module 5 of the new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Conference programming will include exhibits, training for program initiatives, industry certification training and concurrent interest sessions. Sessions will address trends and updates in content information related to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, in addition to instructional approaches and resources for effective teaching. Sessions will be included to provide an opportunity for both training and credentialing relative to the statewide Advanced Technical Credit (ATC) Program allowing students to obtain postsecondary credit for certain family and consumer sciences secondary courses, *Ready, Set, Teach!* and FCCLA. In addition, sessions will be included to provide specific information regarding courses, content, resources, student certifications, career clusters, programs of study and program management strategies. Conference participants will also receive training and resources on a range of topics that teachers have identified as posing a challenge to address in instruction.

Students deserve the opportunity to learn the knowledge and skills essential for their success and satisfaction in adult roles. Through current, well-chosen content taught by teachers up-to-date in their professional expertise, career and technical education has a definite contribution to make to the education process. Further, each teacher deserves to be recognized as part of a profession which is totally perceptive and responsive to providing programs which are relevant to students' needs. This can occur only if each member of the field fulfills their responsibility to maintaining professional fitness...competence, confidence, and commitment for promoting education excellence. Please accept our invitation to take advantage of a rewarding professional development opportunity that will significantly contribute to the above goals being met.

Attendees are encouraged to take advantage of electronic pre-registration as a means of saving both time and money. See attachments for details. Be reminded that follow-up payment must be received to validate electronic registration and requested sessions.

If you have questions about the conference content, please contact Sharon Pierce at [spierce@texasfccla.org](mailto:spierce@texasfccla.org) or call 512.306.0244. If you have questions about the registration and payment methods, please contact Terry Green at [fcstat@fcstat.org](mailto:fcstat@fcstat.org) or call 512.794.8370.

Sincerely,

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## Conference-at-a-Glance

### Monday, August 2

12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.	<i>Advanced Technical Credit Training</i>
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session – ServSafe® Sanitation <u>Certification</u> Training, Part A</i>
3:30-5:45 p.m.	TEKS Training - Module 4

### Tuesday, August 3

8:00-10:30 a.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session – Career Orientation Teacher Training</i>
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session – FCCLA Academy for New Advisors</i>
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session – ServSafe® Sanitation <u>Certification</u> Training - Part B</i>
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
11:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m.	Newcomers Seminar
1:00– 5:00 p.m.	TEKS Training - Module 5
2:00-4:00 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session – ServSafe® Sanitation <u>Instructor</u> Training</i>
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b>Opening General Session</b>
8:45-10:00 p.m.	University Alumni Functions

### Wednesday, August 4

9:45 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Exhibits
10:20– 11:20 a.m.	Concurrent Interest Sessions
11:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 – 4:40 p.m.	Concurrent Interest Sessions
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open

### Thursday, August 5

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	Conference Registration
8:30 – 10:50 a.m.	Concurrent Interest Sessions
10:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own) and Best Practices Table Top Presentations
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Conference Registration
1:00 – 4:40 p.m.	Concurrent Interest Sessions
3:40-5:00 p.m.	Take a Look At STAR Events
6:30-8:30 p.m.	FCSTAT Awards Dinner and Program

### Friday, August 6

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast and Closing General Session</b> – Updates and Speaker
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## BETTER THAN EVER! ADVANCE ON-LINE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

### Tiered Registration Fee Structure

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**Early Bird On-line Conference  
Registration postmarked by July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$150- FCSTAT Members**  
**\$200-Non-Members**

Participants sending registration that is *received* in the FCSTAT office postmarked after July 9th will be required to pay the on-site conference rate.

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**On-site Conference Registration and  
Fee Payment**  
**\$175 –FCSTAT Members**  
**\$225 – Non-Members**

## Registration Fees are Nonrefundable

The registration cost includes beverage breaks on Wednesday and Thursday and breakfast on Friday.

Save time, lines, hassles, and money with on-line registration at:  
<http://www.fcstat.org>

1. Complete on-line registration form.
2. Submit and print registration confirmation/invoice and mail with fees to:

*Family and Consumer Sciences  
Teachers Association of Texas  
5524 Bee Caves Road, H-1  
Austin, Texas 78746-5246*

Make checks payable to FCSTAT

3. Conference fee must be received to be officially registered. Session requests will be guaranteed on a first-come basis.
4. There will be a \$7 charge added to credit card payments

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS OF ADVANCED TECHNICAL CREDIT COURSES

The Advanced Technical Credit (ATC) Program gives high school students a chance to receive credit at participating community colleges across Texas for taking certain enhanced technical courses during high school. The statewide articulated courses and their equivalent college courses are listed in the ATC Course Crosswalk. All the participating community colleges have agreed to offer students credit for these courses, provided the college offers the course and the student meets certain criteria. For a high school to offer an ATC course to its students, the teacher of the course must meet the ATC teacher requirements, go through ATC training and teach the high school course so that it is enhanced to meet the content of the equivalent college course. ATC courses are only offered in technical or workforce areas - courses in academic areas such as English or history are not offered as ATC courses.

The statewide articulation process is based on the development, publication, and maintenance of course crosswalks that contain a list and detailed description of courses that meet specific criteria for articulation determined by state-level content alignment committees.

Students who meet established guidelines for successful completion of courses listed in the course crosswalk at any public secondary school in Texas may present their transcripts to any public two-year associate degree-granting institution in the state that is participating in statewide articulation and that offers the corresponding college course(s). The public two-year associate degree-granting institution awards the corresponding college credit for courses noted with the "A" code and with the unique course abbreviation for ATC courses.

This past year, the Texas Education Agency has, under legislative mandate, rewritten all of the Career and Technical Education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to become effective in the 2010-2011 school year. This, then, triggered the need to redo completely the crosswalk to accommodate the changing courses at the high school level.

All teachers approved to teach in the ATC Program MUST meet SACS standards and receive additional training in preparing high school students to receive the credit at the college level.

**Monday, August 2; 12 noon – 3:00 p.m.**

***Included in conference registration fee. Teachers may register for three areas in which to be trained during the three-hour session; it does not matter which three as they will all be offered each hour.***

## PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

### **SERVSAFE® FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM CERTIFICATION TRAINING**

The ServSafe® food safety program provides high-quality food safety education and training materials for the restaurant and foodservice industry. The ServSafe® program teaches employees and managers basic food safety concepts, helps managers and employees protect against food borne illness outbreaks, helps reduce liability risks, helps minimize insurance costs, enables participants to demonstrate a commitment to food safety, and provides nationally recognized certification for students and instructors. Session participants will have the opportunity to be certified through the ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Examination, nationally recognized by the Conference for Food Protection (CFP). The registration fee includes a copy of the ServSafe® *Essentials* course manual that will be mailed to registrants in advance for training preparation. Please contact the Texas Restaurant Association at 800/395-2872 or Email [csuter@tramail.org](mailto:csuter@tramail.org) to register. **The cost is \$130 per person and check should be made out to TRAEF and mailed to TRA, PO Box 1429, Austin, Texas 78767-1429.** Participants must register for this session separate from the FCSTAT Conference registration. A separate registration form is included in this conference packet or download the form at [www.restaurantville.com](http://www.restaurantville.com) under the Education Foundation tab. *Presenters: Texas Restaurant Association staff.*  
***Part A - Monday, August 2; 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Part B - Tuesday, August 3, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.***  
***Attendees must complete registration with TRA and prepay \$130 nonrefundable session fee to TRA (covers book, training, and certification exam)***

## **FCCLA: ACADEMY FOR NEW ADVISORS**

During this pre-conference session, participants will learn how to organize an FCCLA chapter and learn about available programs, projects, resources, and recognition techniques for members. Those attending will sharpen their skills for becoming an effective FCCLA advisor.

*Tuesday, August 3, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.*

*Attendees must complete Early Bird Registration and prepay \$45 nonrefundable session fee (covers resource materials).*

## **CAREER ORIENTATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION TRAINING**

Career Orientation Certification Training is provided by TEA to certify current CTE teachers to teach Exploring Careers and/or Career Portals Courses. These Courses are designed to provide students with the ability to make **informed decisions** concerning the world of work and how it relates to the world of learning. Students will compile a portfolio of their work, take assessments to better guide them in their career development, investigate 16 different career clusters, become aware of personal financial management, complete their high school graduation plan focusing on their post-secondary goals, discover the job-hunting process and learn how to succeed at work.

Along with the training, each participant will receive TEKS aligned curriculum and supporting teacher materials, including video and free online resources such as TexasWorkPrep.com, Reality Check, High School Graduation Plan, Career Investigation and Career Success interactive newspapers and the TexasCARESONline.com. In addition, classroom sets of materials will be provided. This training is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Labor Market and/or would like to receive the wonderful materials provided by the TEA. However, only CATE certified teachers would be eligible for certification to teach these courses.

*Tuesday, August 3, 2010; 8:00-10:30 a.m. Included in conference registration fee.*

## **SERVSAFE® FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR TRAINING**

What are the strategies and resources that will be helpful to teachers who are ServSafe® certified, as they become ServSafe® instructors? This session is designed for those who have completed the ServSafe® certification training (at this conference or previously). The session will focus on instructional techniques to more effectively train high school students to attain ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification.

*Tuesday, August 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

**The fee for the Instructor Training is included in registration fee paid to TRA for the ServSafe® Food Safety Program Certification Training.**

*Those wishing to take the test without the training will need to pay \$50 to TRA for the administrative cost of the test and the exam. The test will be administered from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.*

## **TAKE A LOOK AT FCCLA STAR EVENTS**

This session, usually done as a pre-session, will be part of the concurrent sessions and has been designed to include an overview of techniques effective in preparing chapter members for STAR events competition. New events will be introduced and actual student demonstrations of selected STAR events will be included.

*Thursday, August 5, 3:40-5:00 p.m. Included in conference registration fee.*

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservations can be made online on the following website:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1004159816&key=3887D>

Hotel rates are:    \$117 single        \$117 double        \$117 triple        \$117 quad

The cut off date to make reservations is July 8, 2010 at 6 p.m. Self parking at the hotel will be 50% off the current rate, which is \$16.00 per day. Valet parking is also available; current rate is \$26 overnight and \$26 for day use.

Drive in participants will need to secure a special parking pass at the conference registration desk in order to get the reduced price when departing the hotel.



## AIR AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Love Field is 9 miles from the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. Taxis are the best way to travel between the hotel and Love Field. The taxi rate is about \$35 one way. Super Shuttle costs about \$17 one way, but has additional stops before arriving at the hotel.

DFW Airport is 20 miles from the hotel. The taxi rate is about \$55 one way and Super Shuttle costs \$17 one way.