

Conference Preview & Registration Information

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



FCS
A KALEIDOSCOPE of
Infinite Opportunities

August 1-5, 2011 Sheraton Dallas Hotel Dallas, Texas

April 2011

The 2011 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 Career Development, Architecture & Construction, Arts/AV Technology & Communications, Education & Training, Hospitality & Tourism, and the Human Services Career Clusters. The conference, ***FCS –A Kaleidoscope of Infinite Opportunities***, will be held August 1-5, 2011 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 six 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 the six career clusters for the 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. Instructional Practices in Education and Training will be offered as well as updates and sessions from the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE). 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 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. For more information on registration, scroll down to the next page of this document. 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 Julie Symons at julie.symons@sbcglobal.net or call 512.794.8370. If you have questions about the registration and payment methods, please contact Terry Green at fcstat@sbcglobal.net or call 512.794.8370.

Sincerely,

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Conference-at-a-Glance

Monday, August 1

12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> - Advanced Technical Credit Training
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> - ServSafe® Sanitation <u>Certification</u> Training, Part A
3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> - Chief Architect CAD Software Hands-On Training

Tuesday, August 2

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> – Career Development Certification Training
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> – FCCLA Academy for New Advisors
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> – ServSafe® Sanitation <u>Certification</u> Training - Part B
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.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> – Newcomers Seminar
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	ServSafe® Sanitation Certification EXAM
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> – Dining Protocol & Etiquette
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<i>Pre-Conference Session</i> – ServSafe® Sanitation <u>Train the Trainer</u>
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Opening General Session
8:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	University Alumni Functions

Wednesday, August 3

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	FCSTAT Region/District Meetings
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Concurrent Interest Sessions
11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	FCSTAT Annual Meeting
1:45 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.	Concurrent Interest Sessions
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open

Thursday, August 4

7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Conference Registration
8:30 a.m. - 10:50 p.m.	Concurrent Interest Sessions
10:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Conference Registration
12:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.	Concurrent Interest Sessions
6:30p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	FCSTAT Awards Dinner and Program

Friday, August 5

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Closing General Session
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ADVANCE ONLINE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Tiered Registration Fee Structure

Early Bird Online Conference
Registration postmarked by July 8th

\$150- FCSTAT Members

\$200-Non-Members

Registration that is *received* in the FCSTAT office postmarked after July 8th will be required to pay the onsite conference rate.

Onsite 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 online registration at:
<http://www.fcstat.org>

1. Complete online registration form.
2. Submit and print registration invoice and mail with fees to:

FCSTAT

**5524 Bee Cave Road, H-1
Austin, Texas 78746-5246**

Make checks payable to FCSTAT

3. Conference fees must be received to be officially registered. Session requests will be guaranteed on a first-come basis.
4. There will be a \$5 charge added for each registration paid with a credit card. MC and VISA only.

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS OF ADVANCED TECHNICAL CREDIT COURSES

Monday, August 1; 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 all will be offered each hour.

ATC Part II Training will be repeated each hour for the available session times. Teachers seeking ATC approval should complete the following before attendance:

1. **Complete a current Part I Online Training Session.** The only valid dates for Part I that reflect the new TEKS will have an expiration date of 7/31/2013 or 7/31/2014. All others (including 2011 and 2012) are invalid.
2. **Submit an official transcript to the ATC Approval Office.** This transcript should be for the degree that is in the discipline area directly related to FCS and/or the requested courses. E-Transcripts will NOT be accepted - only official paper copies. Teachers who already have an official transcript on file with the ATC Approval Office do not need to submit another one. Transcripts should be mailed to:

**ATC Approval Office
P.O. Box 13071, SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75962**

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.

All of the Career and Technical Education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) were rewritten and became effective in the 2010-2011 school year. This 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.

SERVSAFE® FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Part A - Monday, August 1, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Part B - Tuesday, August 2, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Participants for this session must complete a separate registration using an official form from the Texas Restaurant Association (TRA) and prepay to TRA a \$130 nonrefundable session fee which covers a textbook, the training, and the certification exam. The registration form can be downloaded at www.fcstat.org. Click on the conference tab and a link for the form will be accessible.

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 send an E-mail ylova@trmail.org if you have any questions. **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.**

DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOME WITH CHIEF ARCHITECT or ARCHITECTURAL HOME DESIGNER

Monday, August 1, 3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

All attendees must bring a mouse and a laptop computer with Chief Architect successfully installed *before* the session begins. If you do not currently own Chief Architect, a trial version to use at the session can be downloaded at: <http://www.chiefarchitect.com/resources/demorequest.php?product=premier&src=web>

This session provides HANDS-ON use of CAD, emphasizing the specific TEKS objectives that are addressed in a typical design project as you learn to easily create Interior Design Projects. You will learn how CAD can be implemented in various areas of the FCS Curriculum. The session also includes a matrix to objectively identify areas within the TEKS, as well as suggested projects to use immediately upon return to your classroom.

CAREER PREPARATION CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Tuesday, August 2; 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Included in conference registration fee.

Career Preparation Certification Training is provided by the Texas Education Agency (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 TEA. However, only CATE certified teachers are eligible for certification to teach these courses.

FCCLA ACADEMY FOR NEW ADVISORS

Tuesday, August 2, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendees for this session must complete Early Bird Registration and prepay a \$45 nonrefundable session fee which covers resource materials.

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.

DINING PROTOCOL AND ETIQUETTE

Tuesday, August 2, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pre-registration and payment of \$40 is required for this session. Seating is limited and no onsite registration will be accepted for this session.

Correct use of table etiquette is most important for success. Knowing when to use the appropriate utensils and what to do in any given situation gives one a sense of confidence. Businesses today expect individuals to have knowledge of appropriate etiquette.

SERVSAFE® SANITATION TRAIN THE TRAINER

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

The fee for Train the Trainer is included in the registration for the ServSafe® Certification 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.

EXAMINATION ONLY - SERVSAFE® FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

Test will be administered from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd

Those wishing to take the test without the training must complete the registration form and mail it along with \$50 to TRA for the administrative cost of the test and the exam. The check should be made out to TRAEF and mailed to TRA, PO Box 1429, Austin, Texas 78767-1429.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION – KEYNOTE SPEAKER, SANDY QUEEN, Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 p.m.

Lighten Up – Maximizing Health & Well-being Through a Positive Mental Attitude

Lighten Up! This is the only life you have! Sandy Queen, a dynamic lecturer with a focus on the child within each of us, will help you take a better look at your life through humor, laughter and play.

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION – KEYNOTE SPEAKER, JOE MALARKEY, Friday, August 5, 8:30 a.m.

The Upside of Down

The Upside of Down explores the opportunity concealed by the current economic adversity. Joe humorously examines this brief window in time when we can remake our companies, our markets and ourselves.

SHERATON DALLAS HOTEL INFORMATION

The preferred method for making hotel reservations is online on the following website:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1103297377&key=2D4>

Hotel rates are: \$107 single \$107 double \$107 triple \$107 quad

The cut-off date to make reservations is July 7, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Self-parking at the hotel will be \$7 per day, which is more than 60% off the current rate of \$19 per day.

If you are driving in each day, please make sure you ask for a parking ticket at the conference registration counter which will allow you to receive the discounted parking rate.

If you are staying at the Sheraton Hotel, your hotel bill will reflect the \$7 per day fee and your room key will give you in and out access to the parking garage.

Valet parking is also available at the rate of \$26 overnight and \$26 for day use.

AIR AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Dallas Love Field is nine miles from the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. The taxi rate is about \$35 one way and the Super Shuttle costs about \$17 one way. Even though the Super Shuttle costs less, there are many stops on the way to the hotel which is an inconvenience.

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