As we move forward toward our 2019 CCME Symposium Expanding Pathways: Influencing Relevant Outcomes in Austin, Texas January 21-24, 2019, the Board of CCME is excited to present an improved and expanded conference with value-added Concurrent Sessions providing crucial information to our members and attendees. We want you to join us and especially want to highlight our Pre-Conference and Newcomers Workshops on Monday, January 21st. Please take a moment now to register for the Symposium and make plans to attend!

As our topics expand to embrace conversations relevant to military and veteran education, so does the diversity of our partners and attendees. We welcome this broadening and work toward ensuring that all have a voice and contribute to our industry-wide discourse. This year's Symposium has been designed to enhance your conference experience and delivers outstanding return on investment for our partners, attendees, and members. Opportunities to network, share information, learn, and interact are intentionally scheduled so that each attendee may maximize their time during the symposium. We have expanded our Agenda to include Pre-Conference Workshops on Monday which offer intensive, interactive information over a two-hour timeframe. Our schedule consists of a focus on three topics during General Session: Our Partners, Military Transition, and Workforce Development and Stacking Credentials. Concurrent session topics provide professional development information for beginning, middle career, and seasoned professionals.

We are dedicated to delivering a superior conference experience to each attendee and value and invite your participation. Our all-volunteer Board, which represents many years of Vol Ed and Veteran Education, has worked diligently this year and by the 2019 Symposium, we will present updated By-Laws, a Mission and Vision Statement, Core Values, a 5 Year Strategic Plan, a new Logo and branding, and our Annual Symposium and Agenda arranged by topics.

Please pause your busy schedule today and plan to be part of the 2019 CCME Symposium! You can conveniently register on our webpage at http://www.ccmeonline.org. Your presence and participation are valuable to us—this conference, we promise, will be valuable for you! Please join us for a fun and focused Symposium!

Janine Wert, CCME PRESIDENT 2018-2019
Concurrent Sessions Highlights

By Bethany Taylor

At this year’s Professional Development Symposium, participants will have multiple opportunities to choose from over 70 different engaging topics during the Concurrent Sessions portion of the symposium. These small group forums are designed to facilitate the exchange of information on educational programs, strategies, and innovation that assist service members and veterans to achieve academic and career success. Presenters come from a variety of different organizations and institutions to include colleges, universities, non-profit organizations, and government agencies.

Some of this year’s selected sessions will discuss topics in regards to DoD’s Institutional Compliance Program, Career Pathways and Career Path DECIDE, Updates on Navy TA, using social media in today’s education communication, the Forever GI Bill compliance, and so much more! Please see CCME’s website for a full listing of this year’s Concurrent Session titles and descriptions. Further details, to include presenters, abstracts, tracks and more, will be posted to the CCME app.

In support of this year’s CCME Symposium and prior survey results, we developed several discipline tracks to assist participants in organizing their schedule. We hope this will help attendees in selecting topics that are best suited to their interests and experience level. This year’s Concurrent Sessions will be broken down into the following levels and tracks:

- **Military Student Services**
  - Beginner
  - Intermediate
  - Advanced
- **Veteran Student Services**
  - Beginner
  - Intermediate
  - Advanced
- **Nursing/Allied Health**
- **Data/Compliance/Outcomes**
- **Developing Partnerships**

New this year, professional development certificates will not be issued based on Concurrent Session track participation, as in the past. Rather, all certificates will be issued to symposium attendees based on their years of attendance. Participants must request a professional development certificate upon symposium check-in, which will then be issued via email shortly after the symposium ends. Looking forward to seeing everyone in January!
2019 CCME Board of Directors Nomination

Three open CCME executive board officer positions will be filled through an election by the general membership at the 2018 CCME Symposium in San Diego.

- Secretary-Elect
- Vice President-Elect
- President-Elect

**Secretary-Elect** is a 2-year commitment (automatically moves into the Secretary position after one year). Duties include:
- Records and distributes minutes for all CCME Board meetings;
- Maintains standing operating procedures (SOP’s);
- Oversees CCME nominations and elections, to include communicating vacancies to membership, preparing ballots and distributing them at the symposium business meeting;
- Maintains an annual time line to include deadlines and activities related to the annual symposium;
- Keeps board members periodically updated on action items.

**Vice President-Elect** is a 2-year commitment (automatically moves into the Vice President position after one year). Duties include:
- Co-Chairs the Symposium Agenda Planning Committee with the Armed Services Liaison and documents action items and decisions;
- Maintains a spreadsheet in coordination with President and Speaker Coordinator (if one is appointed) to track speaker activity throughout the year;
- Acts as primary liaison to educational institutions on current military and education issues;
- Monitors the CCME membership chat room and facilitates online discussions.

**President-Elect** is a 3-year commitment (automatically moves into the President position after one year, then Past President for the final year). The President-Elect nominees must have a minimum of two years of previous experience on the CCME Board in either an elected or appointed position. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and/or assume the office of the President if the office of the President becomes vacant.

Please send nominations to Carmenza Jaramillo-Akers at cjaramilloakers@devry.edu or contact her if you have any questions.
CCME 2019
Things to do in Austin, TX

Bob Bullock State Museum
1 mile N from hotel

Lake Travis
12 miles W from hotel

LBJ Library and Museum
2.1 miles NE from hotel

Sixth Street (Bars and Restaurants)
0.5 miles N from hotel

State Capitol Building
1.2 miles N from hotel

Paramount Theatre
0.4 miles N from hotel

2nd Street District
0.2 miles W from hotel

South Congress Ave Shopping
1.2 miles S from hotel

Austin Zoo
14.5 miles SW from hotel

Blanton Museum of Art
1.5 miles N from hotel

CCME and Social Media
Connect with us! Never miss an update from CCME by connecting with us on Facebook and Twitter. We’ll see you online!

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS
Winners will be announced during the symposium in Austin. Join us to see who the winners will be.

We look forward to seeing you at the

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Council of College and Military Educators

CCME is an active proponent for the professional development of those serving in the military education community by providing a forum for the exchange of information on educational programs, strategies and innovation among its members and associated partners.

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