

BACK TO THE FUTURE



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Australia's career development profession stands as one of the most committed and capable workforces in the country, according to new findings released in the 2024 National Survey of Career Development Practitioners, commissioned by the Career Industry Council of Australia.

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Passionate about attending the ACCE Conference – Back to the Future, but you're not sure how to convince your leadership teams to let you go?

The costs of attending a conference can be considerable. They include conference registration fees, travel costs, accommodation and time away from schoolwork. It is likely your leadership team want some justification for you to attend the ACCE Conference in December.

Below is a list of suggestions that may help:

- Share the [ACCE Conference programme](#) and highlight the sessions you plan to attend. Discuss how they will support and benefit your work and clients. Be specific. (i.e. *I will learn to effectively identify industry connections that may impact the successful transitions of our students into further education, training and employment*).
- Identify the Professional Standards that you will meet by attending the conference. These Standards form part of your ongoing professional development and continuous improvement, which are part of your VIT annual requirements. The conference provides 11 hours of CPD (6 Hours on Day 1 and 5 hours on Day 2). Every presentation is mapped to the CICA standards.
- If necessary, have a plan for who will fill your role while you are attending the conference.
- Research the keynote speakers and presenters and have specific questions lined up relevant to their topics and your work or industry.
- Find out if other colleagues are attending the event to prove it is a must-attend event. Suggest to your leadership team that networking with these peers can be invaluable.
- Have specific follow-up objectives and strategies you plan to implement after attending the conference. Demonstrate your commitment to improving career education and development of students and young people in your care. (Don't forget to include supporting parents in your outcomes.)
- Have a plan to share what you have learned. (i.e. You will spend 10 minutes at the next staff meeting speaking about the strategies that can be used by all teachers and support staff with students and young people, or write an article for your in-house newsletter, or offer to write an article for an association newsletter.)
- Justify the cost of the ACCE Conference by comparing it to other educational courses and offerings, which, by comparison, are very expensive. Point out that the conference is being held in a central location to maximise access by rural and remote schools.
- Identify the current number of students you support and indicate how this conference can provide you with current methodologies to improve outcomes for them.

Register here: acce.org.au/acce-biennial-conference-2025

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