

### **Advisory Committee Meeting Activity**

#### **CTE Skills Speed Networking**

**Objective:** To help committee members understand the diverse skill sets and career pathways within CTE programs, while fostering networking and collaboration.

## **Materials Needed:**

- Name tags
- Timer
- Bell or whistle
- Notepads and pens
- A set of prompt cards with discussion questions

## **Preparation:**

- 1. **Create Prompt Cards:** Prepare a set of cards with discussion prompts related to CTE. These can include questions like:
  - "What are the top three skills students should learn in your industry?"
  - "How can we better integrate industry standards into our curriculum?"
  - "Share a success story of a student who excelled in your field."
  - "What emerging trends should we be aware of in the next 5-10 years?"
- 2. **Arrange the Room:** Set up the room with pairs of chairs facing each other in a circle or rows.

## Instructions:

- 1. **Introduction (5 minutes):** Start by welcoming the attendees and briefly explaining the purpose of the activity. Emphasize the importance of sharing insights and building connections.
- 2. Speed Networking Rounds (30-40 minutes):

- O Divide the attendees into two groups. One group will stay seated while the other group will rotate.
- Each pair will have 3-5 minutes to discuss the prompt card they draw.
- O After the time is up, sound the bell or whistle. The rotating group will then move to the next seat, and a new prompt card will be drawn for the next discussion.
- O Continue this process until all attendees have had the opportunity to meet and discuss with multiple people.

### 3. Group Reflection (10-15 minutes):

- After the speed networking rounds, bring everyone back together for a group reflection.
- Ask for volunteers to share interesting insights or ideas they discussed.
- Summarize the key takeaways and how they can be applied to improve the CTE programs.
- 4. **Wrap-Up (5 minutes):** Thank everyone for their participation and encourage them to continue the conversations and collaborations beyond the meeting.

# **Tips for Success:**

- Encourage attendees to bring business cards or contact information to share.
- Make sure the discussion prompts are diverse and cover various aspects of CTE.
- Keep the energy high and the atmosphere positive to ensure everyone feels comfortable participating.

This activity not only helps attendees understand different perspectives within CTE but also promotes networking and the sharing of valuable industry insights.