

Call for Proposals

Illinois Council of Community College Administrators Conference

Theme: *Thriving Through Change: A Resilient Framework for Illinois*

The Illinois Council of Community College Administrators (ICCCA) invites dynamic and thought-provoking proposals for its upcoming annual conference, taking place November 18-20, 2026, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, located at 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611.

This year's theme, "**Thriving Through Change: A Resilient Framework for Illinois,**" highlights the critical role community colleges play in navigating uncertainty, adapting to evolving needs, and strengthening the communities we serve. Across Illinois, community colleges are innovating in response to demographic shifts, economic pressures, technological advancements, and changing student expectations.

We seek proposals that showcase **exceptional programs, initiatives, partnerships, and learning opportunities** that demonstrate resilience, creativity, and measurable impact. Proposals should offer attendees relatable, real-world examples of how your services or products can be practically applied within community college settings, while clearly supporting the conference theme.

Each session is scheduled for 50 minutes, with a 10-minute intermission. ICCCA will provide carts, screens, and projection systems; however, presenters are kindly asked to bring their own laptops.

Please note that the deadline for proposal submissions is **August 7, 2026**. Notifications of acceptance will be communicated by **September 4, 2026**. To ensure your place in the program, all acceptable presenters must register for the conference by October 1, 2026. The conference registration can be found at www.iccca.org/conference.

What We're Looking For

We encourage submissions that highlight strategies and practices that **lift up institutions, empower students, and transform communities**. Proposals should address, but are not limited to:

- **Student Success & Equity**

- Innovative approaches to improving access, persistence, completion, and post-completion outcomes
- Programs that center equity, inclusion, and belonging
- **Workforce & Community Impact**
 - Partnerships with industry, K-12, and community organizations
 - Programs aligned with regional workforce needs and economic mobility
- **Organizational Resilience & Leadership**
 - Change management strategies
 - Leadership development and institutional culture initiatives
 - Data-informed decision-making
- **Teaching, Learning & Innovation**
 - High-impact teaching practices
 - Technology-enhanced learning and AI integration
 - Scalable instructional or student support models
- **Sustainability & Future Readiness**
 - Financial sustainability and resource optimization
 - Strategic planning for long-term institutional health

Proposal Expectations

Strong proposals will:

- Highlight **replicable and scalable practices**
- Demonstrate **measurable outcomes or lessons learned**
- Offer **practical strategies and actionable insights** for attendees
- Reflect the **diverse needs and strengths of Illinois community colleges**

Join the Conversation

This conference is an opportunity to **share your story, spark new ideas, and build a resilient future together**. We encourage presenters from across all functional areas of the college to submit proposals that will inspire action and collaboration.

We look forward to your innovative ideas and contributions to this exciting event!