

CBTE conference welcomes in-person and online participants

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Join us November 9–12, for the fourth annual CBTE 2021 Conference! This interactive conference engages experts and participants in lively discussion on the philosophy, principles, and practices of competency-based theological education. CBTE 2021 runs as a dedicated track within CBExchange 2021, the "foremost conference on competency-based education, where leaders from hundreds of institutions gather to learn how to build and bring to scale high-quality programs."

This year's conference will be offered both in-person and online. In-person participants have access to the full conference and will gather at the Omni Barton Creek Resort and Spa in Austin, Texas. Online participants have access to all general sessions, as well as one CBE session per breakout, and one CBTE session during most breakouts. Every participant will have online access to all the recorded sessions at the conclusion of the conference.

We are pleased to offer the preconference—*CBTE Boot Camp: An Introduction to CBTE*—on November 9. If you find yourself confused by unfamiliar terms, conflicting definitions, and differing models, we encourage you to attend and gain clarity. We will give an overview of concepts, delivery models, and curriculum design. Through presentation and discussion we will also:

- Discuss underlying philosophies of CBTE and how they translate into program principles and practices
- Discuss the differences between CBE and CBTE, introducing terms and definitions
- Compare and contrast a variety of CBTE delivery models, including purposes and contexts



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- Compare and contrast assessment models
- Deconstruct a backwards design model for integrated curriculum and assessment
- Provide examples of CBTE curriculum
- Discuss how to adapt conventional programs and course curriculums to CBTE

We encourage you to explore the full [CBTE schedule track](#). To note, many of our sessions are panel discussions or facilitated discussions to allow for an optimal balance among presentation, content, and Q&A. For a full listing of our speakers and conference sessions, please visit [cbte.ca](#).

CBTE 2021 is grateful for the support of ATS. Through its support, we are able to offer conference scholarships to a limited number of faculty, staff, and PhD students of ATS member schools. The scholarships provide 80% off in-person registration and 25% off online registration. Currently, we have only a handful of ATS scholarships remaining. To inquire, please contact cbte@nbseminary.ca.

Register today on the [CBExchange website](#), and please contact [Ruth McGillivray](#) with any questions.



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