

EPCE: Innovations and Insights in Educating the Energy Workforce

Formed in 2001, the Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) is a national non-profit coalition of utilities, energy organizations and education partners. EPCE provides its members with workforce solutions through its premier online education, built to address the critical employment needs of the evolving utility industry. Utility professionals meet to learn about online education and training resources that support employer workforce development strategies.

Meeting Location: PJM Training Center
2750 Monroe Blvd
Audubon, PA 19403
Meeting Room TBD

Hotel: Homewood Suites
681 Shannondell Blvd
Audubon, PA 19403

Wednesday, September 12th

7:30 – 9:00 am EPCE Governance Meeting (Governance Members Only – Room TBD)

8:00 – 8:45 am **Orientation to EPCE (First Time Attendees Only – Room TBD)**
First-time meeting attendees will receive a high-level overview of EPCE and its educational partners and offerings
Ashley Smith, Manager, and Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE

EPCE Business Meeting (EPCE Members Only) Room TBD

9:00 – 9:30 am **Welcome & Introductions**
Linda Sechrist, HR Analyst, PJM

9:30 – 11:00 am **Coalition Updates on EPCE's Collective Impact on the Workforce**

- Coalition Business Updates
- EPCE Governance Board Insights
- Online Energy Education Partnership Resources
- National and Employer Impact Data and Metrics
- Benchmarking Solutions to Increase Employee Awareness

Christine Carpenter, Director, Ashley Smith, Manager, and Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE

11:00 – 11:15 am **Networking Break – Link up with the individuals from the EPCE network**

EPCE General Meeting (EPCE Members, Partners, and Guests)

11:15 – 12:00 pm **Coalition Greeting / PJM Overview / Industry Trends**
PJM Executive – TBD

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** **Lunch, sponsored by PJM**
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm** **The Role of Energy Storage**
Learn from EPCE members PJM and APS about their experience with storage technology, it's role in creating the grid of the future, and the implications to the workforce.
- 1:45 – 2:30 pm** **Innovative Approaches and Actionable Methods from Industry Peers**
Learn updates, challenges, and solutions from industry peers across the nation. Potential discussion topics include:
- Leadership Development
 - Generational Learning
 - Socializing Education and Development Opportunities
 - The 'How To' in Implementing Innovative Training Solutions
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm** **Roundtable Report Out**
EPCE Member companies, organizations, and guests share insights/summary of discussions
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm** **Networking Break – *Link up with the individuals from the EPCE network***
- 3:00 – 3:45 pm** **Employee Development and Training Strategies: What's Working for Members?**
Hear from EPCE Members implementing new and creative training programs, initiatives, and models and how they are evaluating their efforts in a meaningful way.
- 3:45 pm** **EPCE Champions: Maximizing the Impact on the Energy Workforce**
EPCE winners share their "magic formula" for being an EPCE MVP!
Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE
- 3:50 pm** **Closing Remarks**
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- 4:00 – 5:00 pm** **EPCE Standing Committee Meeting**
Committees provide direction and input into the development and continuous improvement and awareness of EPCE's online educational programs
- Nuclear Power Technology Advisory Council (Room TBD)
 - Electric Power Technology Curriculum Council (Room TBD)
 - Marketing Committee (Room TBD)
- 6:30 pm** **Dinner, sponsored by EPCE - Location TBD**

Thursday, September 13th

EPCE General Meeting (EPCE Members, Partners, and Guests)

Room TBD

8:30 am

Kickoff Message

Linda Sechrist, HR Analyst, PJM

8:45 – 10:15 am

EPCE's Education Partnerships: The Value and Impact of Education & Training

Updates from EPCE Education Providers on educating the nation's energy workforce

- Technology Management/MBA, Electrical Engineering Technology, Nuclear Engineering and Cybersecurity: *Excelsior College*
- Electric & Nuclear Power, Electrical Transmission Systems, Power Plant, Renewable Energy, Water/Wastewater: *Bismarck State College, National Energy Center of Excellence*
- Power Systems Engineering: *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
- Electrical Engineering: *Clemson University*

10:15 – 10:45 am

Education/Networking Break: Understanding EPCE's Offerings

Learn more about EPCE's range of online education offerings from the EPCE Education Provider Network.

10:45 – 11:30 am

Employee Panel – Success Stories

Hear from PJM employees whose careers have been positively impacted by their pursuit of additional education

11:30 – 12:15 pm

Lunch, sponsored by PJM

12:15 pm

Summary/ Meeting Evaluation

Christine Carpenter, Director, EPCE

12:30 – 3:00 pm

Hands-On Learning & Tour:

Experience Exelon's Virtual Reality Training Equipment

Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to test out Exelon's cutting edge virtual reality training technology first-hand.

Heather Davis, Corporate Training Director, Exelon

Tour of PJM's Control Room

See PJM's state-of-the-art systems in action responsible for running the power grid and administering wholesale electricity markets in 13 states and the District of Columbia, comprising a large part of the Eastern Interconnection.

3:00 pm

Meeting Adjourns

Snapshot of EPCE Members:



EPCE and its education partners work together to ensure industry-relevant online education



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