

# 2025 Fall Workshop

## Elevated Thinking

Staying on Track in Times of Change

### Program Summary

Sunday, October 19  
6 – 8 pm



**Welcome Reception**  
Meet & Greet in the Wade Hotel's Altitude ballroom along Lake Michigan, featuring 360-degree views, open bar, and tastes of Chicago, 6–8pm.

Monday, October 20  
8am – 5pm

#### Morning:

- **Breakfast + Mentor/Mentee Gathering**
- **Welcome & Introduction**
- **Keynote by Paul Fain: Championing Quality Amid Workforce Reinvention**
- **Elevated Thinking 1: Leadership**  
Dr. Leah Matthews & Presidents' Panel on Standards in Practice  
*Standards I, II, and V.D.*

#### Afternoon:

- **Lunch + optional affinity groups:**
  - Initial Accreditation Applicants
  - Renewal-Year Institutions
- **Elevated Thinking 2: Faculty Qualification & Development**  
with Dr. Chase Cookson + CAO Panel and Roundtable Discussions applying the standards in practice  
*Standard IX*
- **Elevated Thinking 3: Curriculum Development, Delivery & Resources**  
with Dr. Susanne Thompson + Roundtable Discussions  
*Standards V, VI, VII, VIII*
- **Wrap-Up & Adjourn (free evening)**



Tuesday, October 21  
8am – 4pm

#### Morning:

- **Breakfast + optional affinity groups:**
  - Ask Me Anything (en Español)
  - Evaluator Meet & Greet
- **Elevated Thinking 4: Institutional Planning & Effectiveness in practice**  
with Drs. Susan VanBeuge and Marcia Ditmyer  
*Standard III*
- **Legislative Update by Duane Morris**



#### Afternoon:

- **Lunch + opt. Closer Conversations**  
on accreditation topics (participant-determined)
- **Elevated Thinking 5: The Trust Factor – Ethical Business Practices**  
with Lindsay Bridgman + Roundtable Discussions applying the standards  
*Standards X, XI, XII, XIII, XV, XVI*
- **Elevated Thinking 6: Sustainable Finances & Facilities**  
with Stacy Conrad + Roundtable Discussions applying the standards  
*Standards XV and XVI*
- **Putting it All Together: The Onsite Evaluation, Chair's Report, School Response, and Commission Actions**  
*Handbook Part 2, Processes & Procedures*
- **Wrap-Up & Adjourn**