

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 – 5pm

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 + optional affinity groups:**
 - Faith-based institutions
 - Others TBD
- **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 XIV and XV
- **Putting it All Together: Telling Your Institution's Story**
with Tiffany Rodriguez & Sonny Calderon
The Onsite Evaluation, Chair's Report, School Response, and Commission Actions