

Pedagogicon 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026

Perkins Conference Center
Eastern Kentucky University, 4440 Kit Carsons Drive, Richmond, KY



Agenda-at-a-Glance

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| 8:30-9:15 a.m. | The Future of Work is the Future of Higher Education
Dr. Aaron Thompson
President, Council on Postsecondary Education |
| 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Concurrent Pedagogical Sessions, Round 1 |
| 10:45-11:45 a.m. | Concurrent Pedagogical Sessions, Round 2 |
| 12:00-12:45 p.m. | Networking Lunch |
| 12:45-1:45 p.m. | Poster Session |
| 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Concurrent Pedagogical Sessions, Round 3 |
| 3:15-4:00 p.m. | Closing Keynote |

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Highlighted Sessions

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Bridging the Gap: Scalable Assessment Strategies for the Graduate Profile's 10 Essential Skills

Join this panel for a collaborative deep dive into the practical integration of the Kentucky Graduate Profile's 10 Essential Skills within academic curricula. This session will focus on moving beyond theory to showcase evidence-based strategies for evaluating core competencies across Essential Skills. Panelists will share scalable assessment models and digital toolkits designed to help students not only master these skills but also articulate their value to future employers.

The Human Edge: Essential Skills in the AI Age

As artificial intelligence continues to reshape the professional landscape, this session explores how GenAI acts as a catalyst for, rather than a replacement of, the human-centric competencies found in the Graduate Profile. Participants will examine strategies for cultivating AI-literate graduates who can leverage emerging tools to amplify critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and complex problem-solving. By integrating these technologies into the curriculum, we ensure students are prepared to lead with a sophisticated blend of digital fluency and the 10 Essential Skills.

Using High-Impact Practices to Teach the Essential Skills

How do High-Impact Practices (HIPs) serve as the premier vehicles for mastering the 10 Essential Skills? Join this session to learn about 10 HIPs and the common elements that ensure how these immersive experiences move beyond traditional lectures to foster deep learning and real-world competency in students. Attendees will leave with actionable ideas for scaling the experiential education focused HIPs to ensure every graduate achieves the holistic excellence defined by the Graduate Profile.

Essential Skills Think Tank: Designing Learning Assessments

This Think Tank will focus on the essential architecture of modern higher education. Facilitated by dedicated Essential Skill leads, the session will provide a space for faculty and academic leaders to move beyond theory and into the practical application of the Kentucky Graduate Profile. Attendees will engage in small-group brainstorming to draft and refine learning assessments tailored to each of the ten essential skills, ensuring they are measurable and scalable across diverse disciplines.