

ABCs for First Year CTE Instructors

- ❖ Always learn from your mistakes. Remember, no one is perfect.
- ❖ Build relationships by getting involved in your professional and school activities.
- ❖ Communicate with parents on a regular basis.
- ❖ Develop your own teaching style.
- ❖ Establish rules in the classroom.
- ❖ Find time to get involved in your students extra-curricular activities.
- ❖ Get to know all teachers in your school. They can be an excellent resource.
- ❖ Have the courage to try something else if what you're doing isn't working.
- ❖ Institute a clear discipline policy and enforce it consistently.
- ❖ Join your professional association, ACTE, your membership helps you and strengthens the profession.
- ❖ Keep your students engaged and involved.
- ❖ Learn your school's policies and procedures.
- ❖ Make a good impression on your students by always being prepared.
- ❖ Network with other colleagues during meetings.
- ❖ Organize yourself and show your students how to get organized.
- ❖ Project a positive image for yourself and the profession.
- ❖ Quit worrying and remember that you are doing your best.
- ❖ Reach out to the parents of your students when you need help.
- ❖ Seek mentors and have regular exchanges.
- ❖ Take pride in your accomplishments. Don't hesitate to tell the critics that you and your colleagues are doing great things for the students.
- ❖ Understand that teaching is a learning process that involves the students, parents and your colleagues.
- ❖ Volunteer to share your ideas with others.
- ❖ Write in a journal and reflect on what you've accomplished after the end of the year.
- ❖ X-ray vision would be helpful in determining how it all turns out.
- ❖ You are a role model for other teachers so always be professional.
- ❖ Zero in on your strengths. You have a lot to offer career and technical education.