

National Apprenticeship Week

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CREATING MORE DIVERSE, EQUITABLE & INCLUSIVE APPRENTICESHIPS



Moderator

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Panelists

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
9-10 AM**

There is a significant gap for underrepresented populations in registered apprenticeships in Illinois. Without changes that start at the apprenticeship systems level, women, people of color, differently-abled people, and other excluded groups will continue to have limited opportunities to compete for high-quality jobs in sectors where the pathway begins with an apprenticeship. Come hear about DEI strategies on recruitment and inclusive marketing, how programs are focusing on retention and success differently, and how broadening apprenticeship types with employers who champion DEI efforts can open new opportunities for previously excluded individuals.



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