



# Illinois Teachers of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing 61st Annual Conference

February 28, 2025 – March 1, 2025  
Naperville, IL

## Informational Guide

### Conference Location

The Illinois Teachers of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ITDHH) 61st Annual Conference will be offered both in-person and virtual. All in-person sessions will take place at the Chicago Marriott Naperville (1801 North Naper Boulevard, Naperville, IL 60583).

### Conference Overview

#### General Information

- **Please Note:** ITDHH does not share/sell information with/to businesses or other organizations.
- Conference sessions will be presented in-person, with select sessions being presented hybrid. All breakout sessions will be recorded for later viewing.
- The ITDHH Pre-Conference and Early Intervention Pre-Conference will be in-person only.
- Both keynote addresses will be in-person, hybrid, and recorded for later viewing.
- The Friday night cultural event and raffle will be in-person only.
- ITDHH members will have access to 25-30 PD hours from the event.
- Recordings will only be available from **April 4, 2025 through June 30, 2025**.

#### Keynote Speakers

Linsay Darnall Jr. and Dr. Michelle Hu

#### Conference Booklet

If you are an in-person attendee and would like a printed ITDHH conference booklet, you will need to indicate that when completing the Attendee Conference Registration Form. All registrants will receive a link that will include all the presentations, handouts, and the ITDHH booklet.

### Conference Apparel

Conference apparel will be available via an online shop hosted by Imagination Print & Design (Oswego, IL). The shop will be open in two rounds **January 1 – January 31, 2025** and **February 24 – March 16, 2025**.

You will have the option to ship the apparel to your house or you can pick it up at Imagination Print & Design in Oswego, IL.

If you have any apparel questions, please contact Katie Reed, ITDHH President-Elect, at [president-elect@itdhh.org](mailto:president-elect@itdhh.org).

#### Order Conference Apparel

All online orders can be placed by clicking the button or visiting:

[itdhh25.itemorder.com](https://itdhh25.itemorder.com).

## Conference Registration

### Registration Types

- **Member:** New or renewing member of ITDHH.
- **Past President:** A previous ITDHH president that is attending the annual conference.
- **Student:** Full-time undergrad student in pursuit of Deaf Educator Licensure.
- **Student Volunteer (Both Days, Fri & Sat):** Full-time undergrad student in pursuit of Deaf Educator Licensure volunteering on Friday and Saturday.
- **Student Volunteer (One Day Only, Fri or Sat):** Full-time undergrad student in pursuit of Deaf Educator Licensure volunteering on either Friday or Saturday.
- **Presenter (with ITDHH Membership):** Breakout session presenter attending the conference. This discounted pricing applies to only one presenter per session.
- **Conference Committee Chairperson:** Chairperson of an ITDHH Conference Committee

### In-Person Registration Fees

All of the below fees include the following items: membership to ITDHH, conference admission, Wi-Fi access, admission to cultural event & raffle, access to recorded sessions and additional CPDU's. The early bird registration deadline is **January 17, 2025 at 11:59 pm CST**. After that date you would select the regular rate.

In-Person Friday & Saturday	In-Person Friday Only	In-Person Saturday Only
<b>Also Includes:</b> Friday luncheon & Saturday breakfast, Up to 11 in-person CPDU's	<b>Also Includes:</b> Friday luncheon, Up to 7 in-person CPDU's	<b>Also Includes:</b> Saturday breakfast, Up to 5 in-person CPDU's
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Early): \$270 <input type="checkbox"/> Member (Regular): \$285	<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Early): \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Member (Regular): \$265	<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Early): \$230 <input type="checkbox"/> Member (Regular): \$245
<input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Early): \$220 <input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Regular): \$235	<input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Early): \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Regular): \$215	<input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Early): \$180 <input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Regular): \$195
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (Early): \$195 <input type="checkbox"/> Student (Regular): \$210	<input type="checkbox"/> Student (Early): \$175 <input type="checkbox"/> Student (Regular): \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> Student (Early): \$155 <input type="checkbox"/> Student (Regular): \$170
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Volunteer (Early): \$135 <input type="checkbox"/> Student Volunteer (Regular): \$143	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Volunteer (Early): \$188 <input type="checkbox"/> Student Volunteer (Regular): \$199	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Volunteer (Early): \$173 <input type="checkbox"/> Student Volunteer (Regular): \$184
<input type="checkbox"/> Presenter with ITDHH Membership: \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Presenter with ITDHH Membership: \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Presenter with ITDHH Membership: \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Chairperson: \$135	N/A	N/A

### Virtual Registration Fees

The virtual fee includes membership to ITDHH, virtual conference admission, up to six live CPDU's on Friday and up to four live CPDU's on Saturday, access to recorded sessions and additional CPDU's.

Virtual Attendance		
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Early): \$230 <input type="checkbox"/> Member (Regular): \$245	<input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Early): \$180 <input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Regular): \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> Student (Early): \$155 <input type="checkbox"/> Student (Regular): \$170

## Deadlines

The early bird registration deadline is **January 17, 2025 at 11:59 pm CST** (free gift for registering early, in-person only). The regular registration deadline is **February 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm CST**.

## Cancellation Policy

A full refund, less a \$15.00 processing fee, will be provided for any cancellation requests received before **February 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm CST**. No refunds will be provided after February 17, 2025. All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to Lucy at [Immork1@ilstu.edu](mailto:Immork1@ilstu.edu).

## Payment

We accept credit cards, checks, and purchase orders. Checks can be made payable to Illinois State University and mailed to the following address along with the PDF registration form.

Illinois State University  
Attn: ITDHH Conference  
C.B. 8610  
Normal, IL 61790-8610

## Accommodations

All requests for reasonable accommodations must be submitted via email to [president-elect@itdhh.org](mailto:president-elect@itdhh.org) by **February 7, 2025**, to be considered. Reasonable accommodations, other than a sign language interpreter, need to be requested and approved before the conference.

## CPDU Information

If you wish to receive CPDU's for your attendance, please login to PD+ via your ELIS account to register for the ITDHH conference prior to the event. You will need your IEIN number to sign in to sessions for credit. If you have any questions, email Kayla Mattus, CPDU Chair at [professional-development@itdhh.org](mailto:professional-development@itdhh.org).

## Ways to Register

Registration is available online with credit card payment. You can also register by completing a paper PDF registration and submitting that via email with a credit card or by mail with a check.

Visit [bit.ly/ITDHH2025](https://bit.ly/ITDHH2025) or click the buttons below to register.

Online Registration

PDF Registration

## Printed Booklet (optional)

During registration you will have the option to add a printed booklet to your order. Each printed booklet is \$3.00 and is only an option for in-person attendees.

## Charitable Contributions (optional)

Any charitable contributions are appreciated but not required. Below are areas that you can contribute to when completing registration.

- Hazel Bothwell Scholarship
- Hazel Bothwell Grant
- Jacki Marcus Memorial Student Scholarship
- Pierce-Scherer Student Scholarship
- ITDHH Area Advancement

## Pre-Conference Registration

### ITDHH Pre-Conference

- **Title:** "Understanding Pre-ETS and Practical Tools for Transition Planning"
- **Registration Deadline:** January 15, 2025
- **Registration Fee:** Free
- **Registration Link:** [360degreeacademy.com/form/itdhh-preconference-2025](https://360degreeacademy.com/form/itdhh-preconference-2025)

School districts are required to develop transition plans to ensure postsecondary success for their Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind students. This training by 360 Degree Academy will provide an overview of Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) and share state-approved, ready-to-use curriculum, equipping schools to collaborate effectively and create transition plans that support students in achieving their goals.

Up to six CPDU's will be provided to participants. This pre-conference has a 30 registrant maximum.

For questions, please email [contact@360degreeacademy.com](mailto:contact@360degreeacademy.com).

**ITDHH Pre-Conference Registration**

### Early Intervention Pre-Conference

- **Title:** "In Our Early Intervention Era"
- **Registration Deadline:** February 26, 2025
- **Registration Fee:** Free
- **Registration Link:** [forms.office.com/g/tf3zi1nT8k](https://forms.office.com/g/tf3zi1nT8k)

The ITDHH Early Intervention Pre-Conference is sponsored by ISD Outreach in partnership with ITDHH Board of Directors. This workshop will have four sessions PLUS an optional lunch session (bring your own lunch), total credit hours submitted is five for PD and EI, with an additional one credit EI and PD for lunch session. Topics include: Attuned & Attentive, The Business of Early Intervention, Infant/Toddler Mental Health, AAC in Early Intervention (optional lunch session, no lunch included), State of the State EHDI Program and Beyond. Many of the sessions will promote active participation of the attendees.

This event is in-person and FREE to attend. Both Early Intervention Credit and ISBE Professional Development will be offered.

For questions, please contact Andrea Marwah at [andrea.marwah@illinois.gov](mailto:andrea.marwah@illinois.gov) or (630) 697-3544.

**EI Pre-Conference Registration**

## Hotel Guestroom Reservations

There is a block of rooms reserved at the Chicago Marriott in Naperville, IL (where the conference is being held). You must reference the group block name when making your reservation to get the discounted rate.

- **Block Name:** ITDHH
- **Rate:** \$143.00 per night
- **Deadline to reserve:** February 5, 2025
- **Reservation Link:** [bit.ly/ITDHH25-hotel](https://bit.ly/ITDHH25-hotel)

**Make Hotel Reservation**

## Questions

### Conference Website

Visit [itdhh.org/itdhh-2025-conference](https://itdhh.org/itdhh-2025-conference) for the most up-to-date information.

### Registration Questions

Email Lucy Morkin with Illinois State University Conference Services at [lmork1@ilstu.edu](mailto:lmork1@ilstu.edu).

### General Questions

Email Katie Reed with ITDHH at [president-elect@itdhh.org](mailto:president-elect@itdhh.org).