



Concurrent Sessions

Concurrent sessions are typically 60-75 minutes long.

- **Traditional Concurrent Session:** The traditional concurrent session type that features a lecture on a given topic of the presenter's choice and may also include audience participation, such as a question-and-answer period or audience polling. Some may wish to incorporate an activity to reinforce learning; for example, small group activities such as competition, discussion, problem solving and/or presenting back to the larger group.
- **Debate:** Debate sessions feature presenters who represent each side of one or more controversial topics and a moderator who introduces the topic(s) and oversees the debate, including timing. A traditional debate involves the moderator stating a proposition and each side is permitted an equal amount of time to present arguments in favor of and in opposition to the argument. Typically, each side will also have an opportunity to present a rebuttal. Variations on the traditional debate format are permitted.
- **Panel Discussion:** Panel discussions feature a panel of three to five experts on a particular topic and a moderator. The goal of the panel discussion is to hear from a variety of individuals with different experiences or perspectives on a topic. The moderator's role is to introduce the topic, pose questions, facilitate audience questions, and ensure that all panelists have the opportunity to speak. The session should generate spontaneous interaction among panelists and between panelists and the audience in response to questions posed by the moderator.
- **Focused Tutorial:** The primary purpose of the focused tutorial is to educate the audience about a focal credentialing topic. Tutorials are led by an expert and provide a deeper dive into a specific credentialing topic. Attendees who have mastered the fundamentals of a certain topic will have the opportunity to gain a more in-depth understanding of a specific area relating to that topic. For example, the presenters might provide instruction on how to develop a certain item type, explain how to conduct a new kind of statistical analysis, or offer a how-to session on running a certain type of meeting.