

Upcoming Educational Events Calendar for VCERA Trustees & Staff

May to Nov 2025

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Date	Sponsor	Program	Location	Audience
May 13-16, 2025	SACRS	Spring Conference State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) states that this four-day event offers a chance to network with over 700 like-minded colleagues, brush up on the latest investment strategies, and get current on pension-related legislation. Expect dynamic speakers, valuable trustee training, and the opportunity to share best practices with your professional peers.	Rancho Mirage, CA	all
May 17-18, 2025	NCPERS	Accredited Fiduciary (NAF) Program National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) states that this “trustee accreditation program specifically designed and tailored for public pension governance. It divides plan governance, oversight and administration into four modules. Each module delves into the fundamental components and strategies necessary for governing a public pension fund, allowing trustees and plan staff to walk away with the key competencies critical to their fiduciary responsibilities. Module 1 — Governance and the Board's Role Module 2 — Investment and Finance Module 3 — Legal, Risk Management & Communication Module 4 — Human Capital	Denver, CO	trustees
May 17-18, 2025	NCPERS	Trustee Educational Seminar (TEDS) National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) states that TEDS “is intended for new and novice trustees who are seeking a better understanding of their role and responsibilities as a trustee of their pension fund. It also serves as a refresher for experienced trustees interested in staying up-to-date. By signing up for TEDS, trustees can build and strengthen their foundational knowledge of pensions and governance. This two-day program is designed with a clear focus on the educational needs of trustees who are new to a public pension plan board. The curriculum centers on investing principles, board policies, and fundamental concepts that every trustee should know.”	Denver, CO	trustees

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May 18-21, 2025	NCPERS	Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) states that “[m]ore than 1,000 trustees, administrators, state and local officials, investment, financial and union officers, pension staff and regulators attend this conference each year. Attendees benefit from the comprehensive educational programming, dynamic speakers, and networking opportunities with money managers, investment service providers and public fund colleagues from across the nation.”	Denver, CO	all
May 19-23, 2025	Wharton	Investment Strategies and Portfolio Management The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) states, “In this program, participants will create optimal investment portfolios that suit their needs and solidly accommodate risk, including small-probability risk. They will also learn how to critically evaluate investment management options using new data and how to unpack the macroeconomic outlook in the U.S. and internationally. This timely finance program is expertly designed to help investment professionals and financial advisors interpret and understand the market data and capitalize on the investment opportunities that are emerging today.”	Philadelphia, PA	all
May 30, 2025	CALAPRS	Trustees Virtual Round Table CALAPRS hosts Round Tables throughout the year to allow staff and trustees from California retirement systems to learn from each other and discuss timely topics of interest to their various roles. The discussion agendas for each meeting are coordinated by volunteer chairs, or co-chairs, from the group and are typically selected at the end of the prior meeting.	Virtual	trustees

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June 16-18, 2025	NCPERS	Chief Officers Summit Bringing together top pension CEOs and CIOs, the NCPERS Chief Officers Summit is the premier event for tackling the toughest challenges facing mid-market public pension plans while uncovering new paths for growth and innovation. This exclusive, peer-driven summit creates a confidential space for open, unfiltered discussions—free from trustees and vendors. With an agenda crafted by CEOs and CIOs themselves, attendees will engage in joint sessions and specialized tracks that dive deep into leadership, strategic planning, human capital management, and more. This is a rare opportunity for pension leaders to collaborate, exchange invaluable insights, and develop forward-thinking strategies for the future.	New York City, NY	staff
July 13-16, 2025	SACRS	Public Pension Investment Management Program Presented by the world-renowned faculty of UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business, Modern Investment Theory & Practice for Retirement Systems course offering SACRS’ members in-depth knowledge on today’s successful investment models and strategies. You’ll learn how to practically integrate these methods immediately into your own plan administration, advancing your skills and elevating the collective expertise of SACRS’ membership. Completion of the course earns you a certificate of achievement from UC Berkeley.	UC Berkeley, CA	all
July 15-18, 2025	IFEBP	Certificate of Achievement in Public Plan Policy (CAPPP) The CAPPP program is essential education for new public sector trustees and the completion of the program demonstrates a strong educational foundation in the core topic areas of public sector pension and health plans. Topics include fiduciary responsibility, legislation and regulation, and plan design. The CAPPP program ensures public sector trustees and the staff that support them are well prepared for their roles.	Chicago, IL	all

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August 21-22, 2025	Nossaman	Pensions, Benefits & Investments Fiduciaries' Forum This exclusive two-day event was designed to provide trustees, executive staff, investment officers and in-house counsel with invaluable knowledge and connections in the ever-evolving landscape of public pension systems.	Sacramento, CA	all
September 24-26, 2025	CALAPRS	CALAPRS Administrator's Institute The CALAPRS Administrators' Institute is an educational opportunity for member Retirement System Administrators / CEO's / Executive Directors and their Assistant Directors.	Carmel, CA	staff
Sept 28 - Oct 1, 2025	CRCEA	Fall Conference California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) hosts an annual conference for its members.	Pleasanton, CA	trustees
October 20-23, 2025	Gartner	IT Symposium/Xpo Leading Today. Shaping Tomorrow. At the conference, attendees uncover the latest tech insights and solutions with experts, peers, and service providers.	Orlando, FL	staff
October 20-24, 2025	Wharton	Investment Strategies and Portfolio Management The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) states, "In this program, participants will create optimal investment portfolios that suit their needs and solidly accommodate risk, including small-probability risk. They will also learn how to critically evaluate investment management options using new data and how to unpack the macroeconomic outlook in the U.S. and internationally. This timely finance program is expertly designed to help investment professionals and financial advisors interpret and understand the market data and capitalize on the investment opportunities that are emerging today."	Philadelphia, PA	all

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October 26-29, 2025	P2F2	P2F2 (Public Pension Financial Forum) Conference The Public Pension Financial Forum is organized for education, pension advocacy and networking purposes. The annual conference is a high point in the year for members with an agenda filled with timely educational topics in areas encompassing accounting, auditing, actuarial, GASB updates, ethics, investment accounting, employer reporting, taxes, pending legislation, motivational and personal development. The conference this past year was packed with a variety of timely topics such as GASB updates and information on investment topics such as ESG, GIPS standards and fee validation.	Phoenix, AZ	staff
November 4-6, 2025	ILPA	ILPA Summit The ILPA Summit is known as a must-attend, vital industry event - a forum where private equity professionals come to develop, build, and maintain long-term relationships. Qualified GPs and engaged LPs are scheduled to meet based on optimized preferences to ensure productive and mutually beneficial meetings. ILPA uses a proprietary algorithm created specifically for this event to match investment preferences and create custom meeting schedules. The three-day agenda also includes timely content sessions and networking.	New York City, NY	staff

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November 5-7, 2025	CALAPRS	Intermediate Course in Retirement Plan Administration The Intermediate Course is a series of interactive sessions that cover the major topics that regularly appear on a Board of Retirement's Agenda, including: Retirement Benefits, Disability, Investments, Actuarial Valuations, Financial Reports, Legislation, etc.	Costa Mesa, CA	staff
November 11-14, 2025	SACRS	Fall Conference State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) states that this four-day event offers a chance to network with over 700 like-minded colleagues, brush up on the latest investment strategies, and get current on pension-related legislation. Expect dynamic speakers, valuable trustee training, and the opportunity to share best practices with your professional peers.	Huntington Beach, CA	all
December 3-5, 2025	CALAPRS	Advanced Course in Retirement Plan Administration The Advanced Course is a series of business topics that will have a direct impact on public pensions in the coming years. This information should prove useful for staff operational planning. The Course has been designed to encourage active interaction between speakers and participants. Sample topics include: Annual Financial Reports, Investments, Social Security, Artificial Intelligence, Defined Contribution Plans, Membership Data, Actuarial Valuations, and Operational Compliance.	Costa Mesa, CA	staff