

Throughout our professional lives we attend conferences for various reasons. Some may attend to network, others to simply show a broadening professional development portfolio. However, most participants attend with the hope that whatever session they may attend will make a positive impact in their professional lives. Even though one may gain wonderful skills, knowledge, methods, procedures, etc. The real difficulty is in unpacking how one might integrate this educational profit into their daily professional lives.

This discussion will provide strategies for participants to integrate the knowledge or skills learned at conference to their professional routine. The session will begin by stating the issue of accumulating conference educational profit without using it. The presenter will then provide several models to integrate their newfound knowledge/skills. The participants will then discuss each of the models and offer some of their own.

Each of the presenter's strategies will be detailed in information packets along with worksheets meant to enable these, and other strategies to work. Participants will be challenged to try several of these methods throughout the conference by completing these worksheets after subsequent sessions they attend.

The sessions we attend at professional conferences can enable us to be more successful in our endeavors. I believe more conference attendees can apply these essential skills and knowledge bases to their daily routine if only they had an organizational structure. This presentation will provide that structure.