

2025 Professional Development Conference

Call for Featured Workshops – Presentation Proposal

North Dakota CTE Professional Development Conference – Bismarck Event Center – August 4-6, 2025

Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides cutting-edge, rigorous and relevant education to middle school, high school, postsecondary and adult students. CTE provides youth and adults for high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers in established and emerging industries. Students gain pathway-specific technical and academic skills as well as employability skills for success in any workplace. ND CTE educational program areas include Agricultural Education, Business, Career Development & Career Advisors, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Sciences, Information Technology, Marketing, Technology & Engineering, and Trades, Industry, & Technical.

The ND CTE Professional Development Conference (PDC) is held annually at the Bismarck Event Center with over 600 ND CTE secondary and postsecondary instructors, counselors and administrators in attendance.

Featured Workshops will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. ND CTE is actively seeking **Featured Workshops** that engage participants, enhance skills, and broaden viewpoints. Workshops must grab the attention of at least one of the following participant learning styles: Listen and Learn, Engage and Connect, Explore and Create, or Participate and Share. **Featured Workshops** will be 45 minutes in length.

Featured Workshops are selected based on their relevance and contribution to current CTE initiatives. Possible topic areas could include, but are not limited to:

- Industry-Relevant Curriculum Design & Trends
- Leveraging Industry Partnerships
- Assessment Strategies for CTE (rubric development for projects)
- Effective Classroom Management for CTE
- Building Strong Advisory Boards
- Work Based Learning (off campus opportunities, incorporating in the classroom)
- Career Ready Practices (how to assess them, how to incorporate them into existing projects)
- Mental Health Awareness and Support/Social Emotional Learning
- Motivating Students
- Computer Science/Cybersecurity for All
- AI in the Classroom
- Teacher Burnout & Work/Home Life Balance
- CTSO classroom integration
- Legal Issues (liability for teachers who have labs; CTSOs)
- Specialized Training in ANY Program Area.

Consideration for each selected workshop will be based on the workshop content, instructor qualifications, and availability of facilities.

A \$100.00 honorarium is available for each non-commercial eligible Featured Workshops presenter. If there is more than one presenter in a Featured Workshops, the honorarium will be prepared for “Presenter #1” as listed on the proposal form. Presenters under contract to a school will not be paid an honorarium because it is classified as a double payment. Presenters are required to submit their presentation materials to ND CTE so they can be assessable to conference attendees.

Submission deadline is May 16, 2025. Contact Tracy Becker at tmbecker@nd.gov, Kelly Pierce at kpierce@nd.gov or Brad Hoffarth at hoffarthbradley@nd.gov with questions for the Featured Workshops proposals.

Featured Workshops applications are only accepted online: [Click here to submit a proposal.](#)