



CTE Month Coming in February!

February is right around the corner, and around here, that means more than just Valentine's Day and some big football game! We're gearing up for CTE Month! This year's theme is "Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!" In honor of that theme, we plan to celebrate TODAY with another round of the popular Webinar Wednesday's, where CTE professionals will share information on popular topics, in order to provide support and guidance to those looking for new and innovative ways to improve their programs. In addition, we're going to own TOMORROW by profiling the future of CTE. We'll be showcasing YOUR CTE students each week. Our CTE STAR Student nominations will be completed by teachers, counselors, and administrators who can't wait to share their brightest and best with the rest of us. These nominations are welcome from both secondary and post-secondary CTE programs. More information about the upcoming webinar series will be released soon, and you can find the appropriate forms for STAR Student nominations [here](#).

Upcoming Events

January

- 16 – 2017-18 Program Applications Open
- 18 – Standards Implementation Webinar
- 25 – Standards Implementation Training

February

- 1-28 – CTE Month
- 4-6 – SD Tech Ed Conference
- 6-10 – National School Counseling Week
- 8-9 – Legislative Shadow Day
- 12-18 – FCCLA Week
- 13 – Information Technology Camp
- 18-25 - National FFA Week

CTE program applications for SY 2017-18 due March 1

Applications are available now for districts interested in adding or expanding approved Career and Technical Education programs in the 2017-18 school year.

Establishing approved CTE programs offers students coursework that allows them to seek meaningful and robust Personal Learning Plans. In addition, students can use the courses to meet requirements for both graduation and the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship. Approved CTE programs that seek to continually improve and support the aims of Career and Technical Education/Perkins are also eligible for the following:

- Perkins funds
 - State and federal grants (when available)
 - Student organization membership (DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, Skill-sUSA)
 - Technical support and professional development
- Applications** for approved CTE programs must be submitted to the Department of Education by March 1. Contact your Regional CTE Specialist with any questions and to obtain application logon information. [Click here](#) for more details, including directions for completing applications.

APPLY NOW for the 2017 Workforce Education Grants!

The Department of Education is now accepting applications for the 2nd round of 2017 Workforce Education Grants. This is your chance to **Dream BIG and make transformative changes** in your CTE programs!

- What have you always wanted to make happen in your Career & Technical Education programs?
- What kind of career guidance programs have you hoped to create?
- In what ways could your current programs be revised to align with today's high-tech, knowledge-based industries?
- What partnerships have you wanted to establish or grow, but haven't had the resources to dedicate to the effort?
- What kinds of work-based learning experiences have you hoped to incorporate in your students' educations?
- In what ways have you wanted to customize students' educational experiences?
- What would it take to blur the lines between academic learning and career preparation?

Resources for the 2017 Workforce Education Grant are available at <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/WEG.aspx>. A copy of the grant guidance/application is attached.

Applications are due March 13, 2017. Awards will be announced by April 14, 2017 and projects can start in May 2017.

Office hours with DCTE staff will be available on the dates and times listed below. You are welcome to connect at any time during the open office hours to ask questions about the grant and discuss project ideas.

Friday, January 27th from 2:30 – 4 p.m. Central

Connect via Skype: <https://meet.lync.com/stateofsouthdakota/tiffany.sanderson/G6TJPJSK>

Or Call: 1.866.410.8397, Conference Code: 7708795296

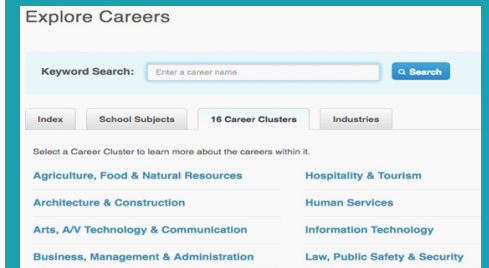
Friday, February 10th from 12:30 – 2 p.m. Central

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Or Call: 1.866.410.8397, Conference Code: 7708795296

We look forward to your best ideas and transformative proposals!

SDMyLife: Career Cluster Focus



Are you utilizing the wealth of career cluster information found in SDMyLife? Students can explore the Careers feature to research each of the 16 Career Clusters and affiliated pathways. Highlights include detailed descriptions of each cluster and pathway, related careers and full career profiles, related majors, and suggested programs of study. To learn more about accessing Career Cluster information in SDMyLife and cluster related lessons plans, visit www.sdmylife.com or email Megan.Tatum@state.sd.us or Janeen.Outka@teachwell.org

Tell us what you want to see at the 2017 CTE Conference

This year's conference will be held in Brookings on July 31-August 1, on the campus of SDSU. As we make plans for sessions, we want to hear from you about the types of topics you would like to see at conference. If you have ideas for topics you would like to learn about, please submit them [here](#).

Or, if you already have a presentation idea prepared, you can submit your presentation proposal [here](#).

The deadline to submit suggestions for conference sessions and presentation proposals is January 27, 2017.

Hot Careers:



Phlebotomists

Phlebotomists draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations. Some explain their work to patients and provide assistance when patients have adverse reactions after their blood is drawn.

Phlebotomists work mainly in hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and doctors' offices.

Phlebotomists typically enter the occupation with a postsecondary non-degree award from a phlebotomy program. Almost all employers look for phlebotomists who have earned professional certification.

The median annual wage for phlebotomists was \$31,630 in May 2015.

Employment of phlebotomists is projected to grow 25 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Hospitals, diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and other locations will need phlebotomists to perform bloodwork.

To learn more about this occupation, such as wages, geographical profiles, and industry profiles, please visit: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/phlebotomists.htm>.

IT Camp Being Held February 13

The Division of DCTE is excited to partner with the College of Computing at Dakota State University to host a student Information Technology Camp for high school students on Monday, February 13 from 9am-2pm in East Hall on the Campus of DSU. This camp is limited to 60-70 students who have showed an aptitude and interest in pursuing a career in the Information Technology field. For more information, please contact kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us.

Event Date Changed

DECA has changed the date of their state meeting from February 27 to March 12 and 13, 2017. The state meeting will be held in Sioux Falls, on the campus of USF.



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