

Upcoming Events

April

21-24 – DECA National Conference
 23-24 – FBLA State Conference
 30-May 1 – Envirothon @ Outdoor
 Campus East, Sioux Falls
<https://sdenvirothon.org/>

May

8 – Board of Education Meeting;
 Vermillion



NCRC News

If you have not yet scheduled the National Career Readiness Certificate assessments at your school, we still have openings for the Spring semester. Contact Heather Nelson (east river) heather.nelson@state.sd.us or Barb Unruh (west river) barb.unruh@state.sd.us To learn more about the NCRC, click here http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/ncrc/documents/educators/ncrc_schools_student_flier.pdf

To date, during the 2017-2018 school year, 3,709 students have been assessed.

Platinum	Gold
588 - 15.85%	900 - 24.27%
Silver	Bronze
1261 - 34.00%	757 - 20.41%
Incomplete	No Certificate
17 - 0.46%	186 - 5.01%
Total	
3,709 - 100.00%	

Assessment Tip

The NCRC is a nationally recognized certificate. In South Dakota alone, over 500 employers currently recognize the NCRC. [View the list.](#) Encourage students to add their NCRC to applications and resumes.

Mark your calendars for the 2018 CTE Conference

This year's CTE conference is scheduled for July 29-31, in Rapid City, SD, and includes a full agenda of interesting breakout sessions, industry tours, and networking events.

Sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Education and South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education, this conference provides over 300 teachers, administrators, and

school counselors with opportunities to connect with other educators and to explore best practices that will help them prepare students to be college, career, and life ready.

A full conference agenda and registration information are located at <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/training.aspx>.

We look forward to seeing you in Rapid City!



Photos: 2017 Conference attendees attend industry tours at Bel Brands and Prairie Aqua Tech in Brookings

DCTE Happenings

The Division of Career and Technical Education has been busy wrapping up review of Perkins Program Applications. You should have received word of your program's status from your regional specialist recently, and you can work with that person if you need to make any changes. Additionally, we are gearing up for Perkins Data

season! Look for announcements regarding data entry soon! The 2018 CTE Summer Conference is coming soon! Our office is working hard arranging business and industry tours and conference sessions covering a broad range of interests. We hope to see you all there!



In The News

CTE Academy helping address workforce needs

<http://siouxfalls.business/cte-academy-helping-address-workforce-needs/>

Kids get taste of STEM careers at balloon day

<http://www.keloland.com/news/article/your-money-matters/kids-get-taste-of-stem-careers-at-balloon-day>

Exploring future possibilities

http://www.bhpioneer.com/local_news/exploring-future-possibilities/article_4278c224-3369-11e8-aab2-1b2e6850de27.html

Belle Fourche CTE building nearing 50 percent completion

http://www.bhpioneer.com/local_news/belle-fourche-cte-building-nearing-percent-completion/article_b9366b46-2937-11e8-acb8-d7d127f7cd1e.html

On the write track

<http://www.keloland.com/news/article/featured-stories/on-the-write-track>

HOT CAREERS: Radiologic Technologists

Radiologic Technologists take X rays and CAT scans of patients or administer nonradioactive materials into patient's blood streams to diagnose health issues. These technologists are sometimes called radiographers. This position can also include technologists that specialize in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Radiologic Technologist positions require a minimum of an associate degree in radiologic technology. Some workers have graduate certificates or bachelor's degrees.

Radiologic Technologists are employed primarily in general medical and surgical hospitals, offices of physicians, medical and diagnostic laboratories, and federal government entities.



The demand for workers in this field is expected to rise by nearly 4% by 2024 and the average annual wage for a radiologic technologist is \$48,382.

You can find out more about this and many other hot careers at: www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

DCTE Staff Spotlight



Kara Schwitzer

East Central Region
Career Development Specialist

I provide technical support to CTE programs in the East Central region of the state, primarily in and around Sioux Falls. I oversee the Health Science and Information Technology clusters; I coordinate and publish the monthly CTE Newsletter as well as promote CTE Month each February. I am the division contact for Workforce Education Grants, the National Career Readiness Certificate, Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Bio Med and Computer Science Programs. I also serve and a board member for HOSA.



Office Location: Sioux Falls



I have a diverse background that leaves me with a unique perspective about the work of career and technical education. I worked in a public school setting for nearly eight years, and that experience has left me with a distinct view on how traditional educational experiences can only be enhanced by the diversity that career and technical education offers. I've also had personal experiences with how quality CTE teachers and programs can positively influence the curriculum choices and educational endeavors for students. As a parent, I've seen first-hand, how children can benefit from these special people and programs.

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