

Save the date for South Dakota Week of Work

Get ready and mark your calendars for the South Dakota Week of Work, April 19-23, 2021. We know you have been going to extraordinary lengths to provide your students with opportunities this year. This will be a chance for DOE and our partners to lend a hand. All statewide activities will be offered virtually throughout the week; you can plan your own activities and celebrations too. Stay tuned for more details to come in the new year. As a reminder, the South Dakota Week of Work will introduce 10th and 11th graders to career opportunities in their own communities and across the state. It's a week of exploration and celebration, with the aim of guiding students, engaging local businesses, and introducing employers to their future workforce.



Build Dakota Funded for Another Five Years

2020 has been a difficult year in a lot of ways, and many of us are eager to leave it behind us. One bright spot from this difficult year comes with the announcement of the re-funding of the Build Dakota Scholarship.

Originally created and funded in 2015, the Build Dakota Scholarship fund awards full-ride scholarships to students in high-need fields entering one of the four South Dakota technical colleges. Earlier this year, it was announced that an additional \$20.5 million has been awarded to the fund, extending the scholarship program for another five years.

This is an exciting opportunity for students who want to enter high-need industries like healthcare, manufacturing and building trades, among others. With low unemployment rates in the state, the time is ripe for students to build their careers in South Dakota through technical college education. The additional funding will allow Build Dakota to continue helping students reach their goals for another five years.

To learn more about Build Dakota, visit build-dakotascholarships.com.

We Want to Showcase YOU! Make 2021 the Year of South Dakota CTE!

Career and Technical Education has made great strides in South Dakota over the last decade! CTE courses are now a much-desired destination for all students. With the goal of CTE being to empower all students with nationwide and global opportunities, while providing lifelong learning with academic and technical preparedness to succeed in their chosen careers, the opportunities you're providing your students truly has an impact far beyond your own community, state or even country. The Department of Education would like to promote CTE programs around the state. Each month in

2021 we'll feature a different South Dakota CTE story. This includes any approved CTE cluster, associated CTSO, CTE students, etc. How have your programs impacted your school, or your community? How have your CTE related organizations contributed to a common goal? You may possibly have an inspiring way that you've continued to promote and grow your CTE programs despite the challenges the Covid-19 pandemic has presented? Please share with us, so we can show you off! Email your stories or any related questions you may have to your [regional contact](mailto:kara.schweitzer@k12.sd.us) or kara.schweitzer@k12.sd.us.



Promote Local Scholarships Using SDMyLife

Did you know SDMyLife powered by Xello has a local scholarships feature? With the holiday break around the corner, now is a great time to maximize all the financial options available to seniors to pay for college by digitizing your local scholarship opportunities in SDMyLife powered by Xello. Learn more at <https://help.xello.world/article/1828-add-a-local-scholarship>.



In The News

Board Reports 78% Retention Rate, Approves New Respiratory Therapy Program and Expansion of Medical Assistant Program to Huron

Lake Area Paces States Technical Colleges with 84% Retention Rate

South Dakota Ag in the Classroom Program is Thriving

DSU Wants to offer a degree in AI

Central Northwestern Students Finalists in Big Idea Contest

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Perkins Reserve Grant Applications Due Feb. 1

The Perkins secondary reserve grants open December 18. Applications may be submitted by public school districts with approved Career & Technical Education programs (or those wishing to add approved CTE programs in the 2021-22 school year). Districts must be classified as rural by the National Center for Education Statistics. This would include all districts

except Rapid City and Sioux Falls. The maximum amount, per individual award, will be \$30,000. Follow this link for more information: <https://doe.sd.gov/cte/perkins.aspx>. The deadline for grants to be submitted is February 1, 2020. Any questions can be directed to Michelle Nelson at michelle.nelson@state.sd.us or 605-295-1930.

CTE 101 – Online Workshop

The 6-week class will start on Wed., Feb. 3, 2021 and continue each Wednesday, wrapping up on March 10, 2021. There will be 3 ZOOM sessions (2/3, 2/10 and 3/3) and the other meeting times will be personal work sessions. The online course will be offered from 4:30-5:30 p.m. (CST).

and the components of a high quality program of study. This course meets the requirements for qualification in offering an approved CTE program.

Participants will earn 6 Continuing Education Contact Hours for their participation in the online course. Some additional time outside of the online meeting will be required to earn the 6 CECH.

CTE 101 will NOT provide undergrad/grad credits for those who are seeking CTE teacher certification. Anyone interested in receiving credit and using those credits towards certification will need to enroll in the CTE Methods course. More information about CTE teacher certification is available at <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/CTEcertification.aspx>.

This online session is intended for certified teachers who are new to Career & Technical Education in South Dakota and anyone else who would like to learn more about CTE. This course will provide information on SDMyLife powered by Xello, labor market projections, student organizations, industry certifications,

Registration information for the CTE 101 Online Workshop: 20202021 CTE 101 – Online - Online 4:30-5:30 p.m. (CST) - <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=13073>

Questions can be directed to [Jane Gubrud](#) at 605-295-1892

NCRC Update



The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) can be used for the Advanced Career Endorsement with the high school graduation requirements and the Build Dakota scholarship. Additionally, the NCRC assists students in demonstrating career readiness by matching their skill level to thousands of occupations using the [Job Profiles Database](#). [Learn more about the NCRC.](#)

If you have not yet already, please complete and submit an [application](#) for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

To date during the 2020-2021 school year, 2,122 students have been assessed:

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Incomplete	No Certificate	Total
387	517	714	379	8	117	2,122
18.24%	24.36%	33.65%	17.86%	0.38%	5.51%	100%

Assessment Tip:

After students receive their score information, review the [Score Interpretation PowerPoint](#) and the [Occupation Investigation Worksheet](#) so students understand how to use their certificate.