

Upcoming Events

- July 27-28 – CTE Summer Conference, Watertown
- July 29 – CTE 101, Watertown
- Aug. 6-7– ASBSD/SASD Convention, Sioux Falls

More events and trainings at southdakota.gosignmeup.com



Access SDMyLife throughout Summer

SDMyLife is not only for in-school months; check out SDMyLife throughout the summer! Encourage your students to use their k-12 email address and password to access SDMyLife all year round.

Students can use their resume for summer work, get a head start on ACT Test Prep and even begin finding scholarships. There are many things students can explore and complete. Not only can students benefit from using SDMyLife over the summer, but educators can too.

Check out SDMyLife for updates on hot topics. Educators can also begin preparing for next school year with the materials provided on the Lesson & Resources page.

For question related to SDMyLife, call Megan Lahr at 605-773-4726 or email at megan.lahr@state.sd.us.

Don't Miss Out!

Register for the Summer CTE Conference TODAY!

The CTE Conference is being held on the campus of Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown on July 27 & 28, and provides a varied program for professional development, networking opportunities, and FUN!

Sessions include over 75 fast-paced round tables, hands-on in-depth trainings, and engaging tours. You are guaranteed to leave with fresh ideas!

For more details regarding the conference, please review the descriptions [here](#). This website includes all of the details on the professional development sessions and social events that are planned for these two days.

Local Perkins funds can be used for professional development related to CTE Programs of Study, including CTE conference registration fees.

Registration for the conference is located at <https://www.regonline.com/SDCTEConference>.

Join us for CTE 101!!!

Are you new to Career & Technical Education? Or are you looking to learn more about the latest trends in career development, or enhance your existing CTE programs? If this is the case, please consider attending CTE 101!

This is a one day session, being held on Wednesday, July 29, following the CTE Sum-

mer conference. CTE 101 will provide information on labor market projections, SDMyLife, student organizations, industry certifications, Perkins, and the components of a high quality program of study. Please register for this FREE one day session at: <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/Public/Course/Browse>.

Standards Revision Process in Full Swing

Over the month of June, six different work groups met to revise CTE content standards in Architecture & Construction, Education & Training, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Security, & Corrections, and STEM. Foundations Courses, such as Career Exploration and Employability Skills were also reviewed.

The revised standards will be shared with educators and industry representatives over the next few months for additional feedback, and the work groups will finalize the proposed standards early this fall. The proposed standards will then be presented to the South Dakota Board of Education at four public hearings over the course of the 15-16 school year. During this time, additional public comment can be made about suggested changes to the revised content standards.

Upcoming standards revisions groups will include Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications, Finance, Health Science, Human Services, and Manufacturing. The process of developing these work groups will begin next spring. If you have any interest in participating in the standards revision process, feel free to contact your regional specialist.

Yankton Regional Tech Ed Center Hosts Academies

During the month of June, the Yankton Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) hosted three summer academies related to manufacturing, automotive performance, and health science for fifty students from seven area school districts.

Each of these two-week academies provided students in grades 9-12 with entry level exposure to careers in the corresponding fields. During the first week of each academy, students explored careers through lab activities and tours of local manufacturing, automotive, and health-care facilities. During the second week, students gained hands-on knowledge and applied what they had learned the previous week as they completed individual projects and prepared group presentations.

During the academies, the South Dakota National Guard also assisted in providing leadership training for the students.

Upon successful completion of each of the RTEC Academies, students earned $\frac{1}{2}$ CTE credit. Students in the Manufacturing and Automotive Academies also earned one elective credit from Mitchell Technical Institute and students who successfully completed the Health Science Academy earned their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credential.





Career Cluster:

Architecture & Construction

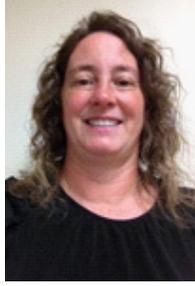
Workers in this field design, plan, manage, build and maintain the built environment. If you enjoy working on new structures, restorations, additions, alterations and repairs, a career in this field might be a good fit for you. Students interested in the Architecture and Construction career cluster should consider courses in Residential Construction, Geometry, Architectural Drafting, and Introduction courses such as Drafting and Design. SkillsUSA and FBLA would be great student organizations for students interested in this career cluster.

There are three pathways in this cluster, including:

- Design/Pre-Construction
- Construction
- Maintenance/Operations

DCTE Employee Profile:

Kim VanDenHemel



I'm Kim VanDenHemel and I am the Division of Career & Technical Education secretary. I provide support to all regional and program specialists in their various areas. I'm also in charge of paying invoices, setting up meeting rooms and coordinating travel. My family consists of my husband Scott, 4 kids, one grandson and one dog. In my spare time, I run the school concession stand and follow my kids to all their activities. I also enjoy being outside, cross stitching and most of all, spending time with my grandson.

Monthly Video

Career Technical Education Really IS Making a Difference

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, take a look at how CTE is making our country stronger, every day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QC0jci1jkcw>



Data Highlight:

Architecture & Construction

- By 2020, the need for South Dakota workers in this cluster is expected to grow by more than 15%.
- Plumbers only need a 2-year degree and earn an average of \$19.36 an hour.
- On average, South Dakota architects make \$76,594 per year.
- Starting salary range for a heavy equipment operator is \$29,700 to \$33,000.

CTE Mythbuster



Myth: If I choose a major or a career, I'll be stuck with it forever.

Fact: Most majors prepare you for a variety of careers. When you combine the skills you'll learn in your major with others you'll gain from full or part time work, internships, and other activities, you'll have the ability to move in a variety of directions. Most people have multiple careers and jobs during their work lives.

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