

## Highlights: CTE Leadership Workshop and NMACTE Conference

From January 13 to 15, the College and Career Readiness Bureau hosted our annual CTE Leadership Workshop in Albuquerque. The event attracted over 250 in-person participants and more than 50 online attendees, successfully bringing together CTE leaders from across the state. Participants networked, collaborated, learned best practices, prepared for the upcoming round of CTE funding applications, and engaged in various other whole-group and breakout sessions.

A few highlights from the event included discussions on the new Career Clusters Framework and an engaging introduction to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) presented by Amanda Bastoni, the Director of Career Technical & Adult Education at CAST Inc. Michael Brustein, Esq., from the Bruman Group, provided updates on EDGAR federal regulations. Bill Daggett, Ed. D., from the Successful Practices Network and the International Center for Leadership in Education, delivered an eye-opening keynote session on how to keep CTE courses relevant amidst rapid advancements in technology. Additionally, there were breakout sessions led by the CCRB team that covered various topics, including CTE applications, work-based learning, next step plans, and much more.

Many thanks to those who attended the workshop, as well as High Plains REC for contributing to an informative and productive workshop.

Resources, presentation slides, and more from the workshop can be found at [cteworkshop.d2virtual.com](http://cteworkshop.d2virtual.com) as well as in [this shared Google drive \(click here\)](#).

Following the workshop, the CCRB team attended the New Mexico Association for Career Technical Education (NMACTE) conference alongside many New Mexico CTE teachers and leaders. The two-day event began with a fun and engaging opening session led by Dr. Shannon Norris Parish, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Communications at NMSU. A variety of fascinating breakout sessions followed, led by secondary and postsecondary educators and experts from the CTE field from throughout the state and beyond. NMACTE division meetings were also held, and several new division leaders were elected.



[We want to hear from you! Submit content to the CTE Corner here.](#)

Friday concluded on a high note with the NMACTE Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon, where new board members were announced and several awards were presented. CCRB Director Breezy Gutierrez received the NMACTE Administrator of the Year award for her ongoing dedication to advocating for and supporting CTE students, educators, and leaders across the state.

The conference proved to be an enriching and insightful experience for everyone involved, fostering lively discussions and providing valuable knowledge that deepened participants' understanding of high-quality CTE. The CCRB is proud to collaborate with NMACTE to promote and support high-quality career and technical education for all through leadership, advocacy, communication, professional development, and partnership.



## New Graduation Requirements - Presentations and Office Hours

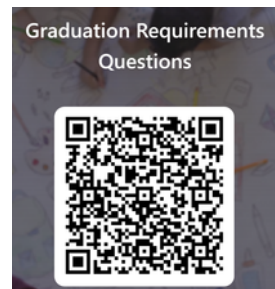
The CCRB is excited to invite you to attend one of three repeat presentations by the New Mexico Public Education Department on the new HB171 graduation requirements. CCRB staff will be available to answer questions following each presentation.

We hope you can join us!

### Graduation Requirements Presentation/Office Hours

(same presentation, offered three times)

- [February 3 at 8 a.m. Zoom Registration Link](#)
- [February 6 at 3 p.m. Zoom Registration Link](#)
- [February 10 at 3 p.m. Zoom Registration Link](#)



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# Events



## NM Counselors Conference

March 31, 2025  
Rio Rancho Public  
Schools District Office

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## NM Early College Leadership Convening

Feb. 13, 2025  
Carlsbad, NM

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HERE TO  
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CELEBRATE TODAY,  
OWN TOMORROW!

## February is CTE Month!

CTE students earn real-world skills while building a foundation for lifelong learning.

[Learn more here.](#)

## CTE Statewide Advisory Board Meeting

Feb. 12, 2025  
In-Person  
Hobbs, NM



College & Career Readiness Bureau



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State Leadership Conference  
Feb. 20-22, 2025  
Marriott Pyramid, ABQ

## State Leadership Conference

Feb. 27-28, 2025



Marriott Pyramid, ABQ

## C2C Community of Practice

February 12, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## P2C Monthly Discovery Sessions

February 18, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## NM Educator Workshops

February 27, 2025

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- **February 5** - NMACTE Socials ([Join](#))
- **February 6** - P2C NM Educator Workshops - Integrating P2C Career Tools in Classroom ([Register](#))
- **February 12** - CTE Statewide Advisory Board Meeting
- **February 13** - NM Early College High School Spring Leadership Convening, Carlsbad ([Register](#))
- **February 18** - P2C Discovery Session - Wraparound Supports for Student Success in CCL ([Register](#))
- **February 20-22** - BPA State Leadership Conference
- **February 27** - P2C NM Educator Workshops - P2C Math using a Blended Learning Approach ([Register](#))
- **February 27-28** - FCCLA State Leadership Conference
- **March 3-4** - DECA Career Development Conference
- **March 3-5** - Educators Rising State Conference - UNM SUB
- **March 5** - NMACTE Socials ([Join](#))
- **March 7-8** - EdUprising Conference, Albuquerque Convention Center ([Register](#))
- **March 12** - C2C Community of Practice
- **March 18** - P2C Discovery Session - Instructional Supports for Special Populations in CCL ([Register](#))
- **March 20-22** - TSA State Leadership Conference
- **March 26-29** - SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference
- **March 27** - P2C NM Educator Workshops - P2C Career Assessments: A Deeper Dive ([Register](#))
- **March 31** - School Counselors Conference, Rio Rancho Public Schools District Office ([Register](#))
- **April 2** - NMACTE Socials ([Join](#))
- **April 2-4** - ACTE Work-Based Learning Conference
- **April 3-5** - HOSA State Leadership Conference
- **April 9** - C2C Community of Practice
- **April 10** - P2C NM Educator Workshops - P2C Math Data and Scaffolded Instruction ([Register](#))
- **April 15** - P2C Discovery Session - Career Exploration and Planning for Special Populations Using P2C ([Register](#))
- **April 26-29** - DECA Career Development Conference
- **May 1** - P2C NM Educator Workshops - Classroom Strategies Using Labor Market Navigator Cluster Maps ([Register](#))

## **p2c** PATHWAY 2 CAREERS

P2C is available to all NM educators at no cost. Explore online math lessons for core secondary math courses with integrated career-connected learning, customized labor market data, and career exploration tools. Request your free account by filling out the [Get Started form](#). For more information or to set up complimentary professional development, contact [Shelly.Robinson@P2C.org](mailto:Shelly.Robinson@P2C.org).

As part of the recently awarded Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Grant, the NM PED and P2C are developing career story videos that showcase the journeys of individuals with disabilities. We are looking for volunteers to share their career story! [Click here to learn more.](#)

[Click here to fill out an interest form.](#)



## Explore Benefits of New Mexico's NCHSE Membership

The National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) provides collaborative relationships to enhance and positively impact the lives of students interested in health professions. New Mexico's state membership provides state health science educators access to discounted resources, certificates, and curriculum enhancements; networking opportunities with health science leaders nationwide; plus professional development opportunities, webinars, and more!

[Learn more about member benefits here.](#)

The PED is excited to announce that we're partnering with **MetaMetrics** to provide the **Lexile Framework for Reading** and the **Quantile Framework for Mathematics** to NM districts free of charge. Lexile and Quantile measures help personalize instruction, monitor growth and offer a parent-friendly metric to communicate student ability. Use Lexile and Quantile measures to find reading and math materials at a student's ideal challenge level.



[Learn more here.](#)



## New Mexico ACTE Online Learning Center for CTE Professionals

CTE Learn's suite of free professional development resources, [linked here](#), is designed to support CTE professionals beyond the offered fee-based credit courses. CTE Learn also offers a student-centric resource, [CareerPrepped](#), to support your students' career development.

## Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)



**Get Involved**

### NMCTSO Event Calendars

[BPA](#)

[SkillsUSA](#)

[HOSA](#)

[FFA](#)

[EdRising](#)

[DECA](#)

[FCCLA](#)

[TSA](#)

### CTSO Canvas Courses

Learn how to advise CTOS at your school with Canvas courses from the PED!

[FCCLA](#) [EdRising](#) [HOSA](#) [DECA](#) [BPA](#) [Skills USA](#)



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New Mexico is an enhanced member of the Marketing and Business Administration (MBA) Research Consortium, which gives teachers statewide **free and at-cost** access to thousands of resources created for business, marketing, finance, management and entrepreneurship educators!

The **MBA Middle School Career Exploration Course** is free and sponsored by the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative. The course contains 20 lessons that cover all 16 CTE Career Clusters, workplace skills, and student self-reflection. Each lesson contains extra resources, presentations, and additional activities that can be modified and presented in any order. The course can be downloaded as modules or as LMS-compatible files. [Learn more and download here.](#)

## **STEP-UP: Short-Term Research Experience** **Program to Unlock Potential**

STEP-UP supports high school juniors and seniors from groups historically excluded from science to spend a summer in a paid, full-time internship at research labs near their homes. The program aims to allow under-resourced and underrepresented high school students to explore and contribute to the scientific community.

This research opportunity is intended to last approximately eight weeks and generally runs from the first week in June until the first week of August. A stipend is provided for the students after completion of the 8-week program. Travel costs for the students will be covered to present their research at the annual End-of-Summer STEP-UP Research Symposium, where they can showcase their work in Bethesda, Maryland.

[Apply here by February 15, 2025.](#)

## **Propane Education & Research Council: Propane** **Autogas Vehicle Inspection Grant Program**

Give your students an enhanced, hands-on learning experience and greater career opportunities after graduation with a propane-specific curriculum. The Propane Autogas Vehicle Inspection Grant Program provides an opportunity to equip your classroom lab with propane-related equipment. Approved grant recipients will receive \$7,500 worth of funding.

[Apply here by March 1, 2025.](#)

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## **Statewide Mentorship**

Region 9 is partnering with the PED's Office of Special Education to provide a Statewide Teacher Mentorship Program for first through third year teachers.

Learn more [here](#). Register [here](#).

## **UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center CURE** **Program for Students**

CURE is a paid research training program in the summer for high school and college undergraduate students. Students can conduct a cancer-relevant, mentored research project; participate in career exploration, STEM-Health training, and team building activities; present research at the UPN Summer Research Symposium and share what they learned with their family, school, and community.

[Learn more and apply here by February 28th.](#)



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**and more (NMHED)**



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