National Board Certification for CTE Professionals

Elevate Your Practice. Advance Your Career.

National Board Certification is a prestigious teaching certification recognized nationwide as the gold standard for accomplished teaching practice. This voluntary certification pathway is designed by educators, for educators—ensuring the process reflects the real work you do with students every day.

Who Can Pursue It

Teachers, school counselors, and other CTE professionals with **at least three years of experience** can begin the certification process at any point in their career. Whether you're early in your journey or a veteran educator, this opportunity is tailored to where you are now.

The Bottom Line

This is professional growth on your terms—a chance to formalize the expertise you've already developed and position yourself as a leader in CTE education.

Get a Firsthand Look

If you're registered for the 2026 Connection Conference, look for the session "Take Your Teaching to the Next Level" on Monday, July 13, from 3:30–5:00 p.m. at Loews Ventana Canyon. Gain a firsthand look at National Board Certification and how it can enhance your impact.

Learn more at arizonactecon.com.

Pre-Candidacy Workshop Series

The National Board Pre-Candidacy Workshop Series supports CTE educators as the first step toward eligibility for National Board candidate funding through the Arizona K12Center. Participants build a CTE-focused foundation in the certification process while exploring the National Board Standards, Five Core Propositions, and readiness for candidacy—preparing them to move confidently into the candidate phase.

Registration for the workshop series opens soon. Required courses, along with a $40 fee per participant, include:

Course Kickoff:
- September 12, 2026
- 9:00 a.m. - noon
- START @ West-MEC
  5405 N 99th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85305

Virtual Courses:
- September 14, 21, and 28, 2026
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Ready to explore this opportunity?

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