



Your NCTA Monthly Quick Bites for August 2026

"Excellence in testing isn't measured by the exams we administer, but by the trust we build with every student, every faculty member, and every testing experience. "



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Last Chance to Register!



LAST CHANCE
TO REGISTER!

NCTA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 14-17, 2026
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE
NCTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

REGISTER NOW
\$600
UNTIL THE CONFERENCE

ON-SITE REGISTRATION
\$675
SAVE \$75 BY REGISTERING NOW!

>> DON'T WAIT – REGISTER TODAY! >>

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF
300 ATTENDEES!
If we reach our goal,
we will hold another drawing for a
\$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

amazon
\$50

LEARN. CONNECT. INSPIRE.
We can't wait to see you in Sacramento!

Illustration of the Sacramento skyline and the Tower Bridge.

Don't miss your opportunity to join testing professionals from across the country at the **2026 NCTA Annual Conference** in Sacramento!

[Register now](#) for just **\$600** and save. **On-site registration increases to \$675**, so secure your spot before it's too late.

 **Bonus!** If we reach our next goal of **300 attendees**, we'll celebrate with **another drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card**. Every registered attendee will have a chance to win!

[Register today](#) and be part of an outstanding conference filled with learning, networking, and innovation. We can't wait to see you in Sacramento!

Sacramento State Campus Tour Transportation Details



The graphic features a white Sacramento State coach bus on the right. To its left is a green circular badge that reads "Complimentary COACH BUS SERVICE" with a bus icon. The main title "Sacramento State CAMPUS TOUR TRANSPORTATION" is at the top left, with a bus icon below it. Below the title are two tour schedules:

1:00 PM TOUR			
12:30 PM Depart Hyatt	→	Planetarium Show	→
		Testing Center Tour	→
2:30 PM Return Hyatt			
★ All Included! ★			

2:00 PM TOUR			
1:30 PM Depart Hyatt	→	Planetarium Show	→
		Testing Center Tour	→
3:30 PM Return Hyatt			
★ All Included! ★			

At the bottom, there is a green banner with a city skyline on the left, the text "Explore. Experience. Be Inspired." in the center, and the Sacramento State logo on the right.

Sacramento State is excited to provide complimentary coach bus transportation for attendees participating in the Campus Tour and Planetarium Experience during the NCTA Annual Conference!

If you selected the 1:00 p.m. tour, your coach bus will depart from the Hyatt Regency Sacramento at 12:30 p.m. You'll enjoy a free planetarium show, followed by a guided tour of Sacramento State's Testing Center, before returning to the Hyatt at approximately 2:30 p.m.

If you selected the 2:00 p.m. tour, your coach bus will depart the Hyatt at 1:30 p.m. and return at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Signage will be posted at the Hyatt indicating where to wait for the bus pickup and tour guides will be there to assist.

Sac State looks forward to welcoming you to campus and sharing two of Sacramento State's highlights!

Dine Around Sacramento!



Dine Around SACRAMENTO!

Join a Dinner Group at the
NCTA Annual Conference!

Connect with fellow attendees,
enjoy great food, and experience
the best of California's
capital city.



**GOOD FOOD.
GREAT COMPANY.
LASTING CONNECTIONS.**



WHY JOIN A DINNER GROUP?



**NETWORK WITH
TESTING PROFESSIONALS
FROM ACROSS
THE COUNTRY**



**EXPLORE SACRAMENTO'S
DIVERSE AND DELICIOUS
DINING SCENE**



**CONTINUE CONFERENCE
CONVERSATIONS IN A
RELAXED SETTING**



**MAKE NEW FRIENDS
AND BUILD LASTING
CONNECTIONS**



**MORE INFORMATION
WILL BE POSTED IN THE
*Conference App!***



♥ *Good food. Great conversations. Unforgettable memories.* | We can't wait to see you in **SACRAMENTO!** ♥

Looking to connect with fellow attendees outside the conference? Join one of our Dinner Groups and enjoy an evening exploring Sacramento's outstanding dining scene while networking with colleagues from across the country.

Whether you're interested in farm-to-fork cuisine, casual favorites, or local hotspots, there's a group for you. It's a great opportunity to make new connections, continue conference conversations, and experience the best of California's capital city.

📱 Dinner group details, restaurant options, and sign-up information will be available in the conference app. Be sure to check the app during the conference and reserve your spot!

NCTA Mentorship Program



We're ready for this year's NCTA Conference and we hope to see you there.
Join us for the session on the Mentorship Program

Putting the Me in Mentor: How the NCTA Mentorship Program Turns Personal Growth into Professional Power

📅 September 17

🕒 9:00–10:30 AM

📍 Meeting Room 1

Looking to grow professionally while making a greater impact in your testing center? Join us for an engaging introduction to the NCTA Mentorship Program and discover how mentorship can drive both personal and professional success.

Learn how adult learning principles empower mentees to build on their experience, develop skills when needed, and tackle real-world challenges. Explore the mentor's role as a facilitator who guides growth and supports meaningful learning.

Participants will apply these concepts to a challenge from their own testing center, gaining practical strategies to strengthen expertise, build capacity, and support ongoing professional development.

You'll Leave With:

- ☒ A better understanding of the NCTA Mentorship Program
- ☒ Practical mentor-mentee strategies grounded in adult learning
- ☒ Insight into solving workplace challenges through mentorship
- ☒ Tools to support sustainable professional growth

Invest in yourself. Empower others. Discover the power of mentorship. ✨

We'll see you on September 17 in Meeting Room 1!

From the Desk of the Chair, Finance Division



NCTA
NATIONAL COLLEGE
TESTING ASSOCIATION

NCTA GRANTS PROGRAM:
**LET US HELP
TAKE THE \$TING
OUT OF FUNDING**
YOUR NEXT
NCTA-SPONSORED
EVENT OR PROJECT!

BIG IDEAS.
BIGGER IMPACT.
WE CAN HELP
FUND IT!

FUNDING
FUELING
INNOVATION
IN TESTING!

THE NCTA GRANTS PROGRAM SUPPORTS:



**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**
Offer opportunities
to grow, learn,
and lead.



**RESOURCES
FOR MEMBERS**
Promote the
development of
valuable resources
for the NCTA
community.



**PROFESSIONAL
SUPPORT
ACTIVITIES**
Encourage
activities that
strengthen and
support our
profession.



RESEARCH
Stimulate research
pertinent to the
field of testing
and assessment.



**SUPPORT THE
TESTING
PROFESSION**
Invest in initiatives
that advance the
profession and
create lasting
impact.

LAUNCH YOUR
NEXT PROJECT,
CONDUCT RESEARCH,
OR HOST A
WORKSHOP OR
MINI CONFERENCE!

**THE GRANTS PROGRAM
CAN HELP TURN YOUR
IDEAS INTO IMPACT!**

YOUR IDEA.
OUR SUPPORT.
A STRONGER
TESTING
PROFESSION.



DATE
Thursday,
September 17, 2026



TIME
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM



ROOM
A08 + A09

**JOIN THE
NCTA GRANTS PROGRAM
COMMITTEE**
for an engaging session where
you'll learn:



How the Grants
Program can
support your
innovative ideas



Eligibility and
funding
opportunities



Tips for a
successful
application



Examples of
impactful grant
projects



Answers to your
questions

**TOGETHER, WE FUND IDEAS THAT
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TESTING
AND ASSESSMENT!**

Don't miss this opportunity to discover how
the NCTA Grants Program can help you
make your next great idea a reality!

**SEE YOU
THERE!**



FACILITATED BY THE NCTA GRANTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Working together to invest in innovation,
advance our profession, and support the NCTA community.



NCTA
THE VOICE OF THE TESTING COMMUNITY

- Fiscal year 2027 is here! New \$funds\$ are now available!
- REMINDER: NCTA payment options have changed.
 - NCTA no longer accepts payment by checks. Processing time results in delays.
 - Purchase Orders are no longer accepted or processed.
 - What are the current payment options? You can pay by credit card or debit card, ACH or EFT bank drafts.
 - Where can you find NCTA ACH and EFT enrollment information? Contact NCTA Finance by emailing treasurer@ncta-testing.org
- Save Time getting answers to finance and funding related questions. Here are a few reasons to contact Finance or the Treasurer directly.
 - Questions regarding fee changes AND payment options
 - Change of payment methods
 - Completion of Vendor Payment Forms to conduct financial services with NCTA
 - Renewal of Vendor Payment Forms to continue financial services with NCTA
- Reminder: If you have questions or concerns involving fees and payments, contact NCTA Finance by emailing: treasurer@ncta-testing.org for assistance.



SIG Coffee Date

Thank you so much to those able to join us for the most recent SIG Coffee Date. Mark your calendars for the upcoming SIG (Special Interest Group) Coffee Date:

Management SIG in August 6, 2026 3-4 pm EST

Grab your coffee and come join us for relaxed conversation and collaboration. We look forward to seeing you!



Conference Volunteers & Moderators Needed - Be Part of the Experience!

A great conference doesn't just happen - it's powered by our members. That's where you come in! When you register, you'll have the opportunity to sign up as a Conference Volunteer, Session Moderator, or both. These roles are a fantastic way to get involved, meet colleagues, and make the most of your conference experience.

What's the difference?

♦ Conference Volunteers

Help bring the event to life by supporting key moments throughout the conference—assisting with general session setup, lending a hand at the NCTA booth, and helping with conference setup and wrap-up.

♦ Session Moderators

Play an important role in our educational sessions by introducing speakers, keeping sessions on track, and ensuring everything runs smoothly. Moderators will receive guidance, attend a brief virtual orientation, and be supported with materials onsite.

Whether you're new to NCTA or looking to deepen your involvement, these roles are a great way to connect, contribute, and enhance your conference experience.

Ready to jump in?

Be sure to select "yes" when registering—you're welcome to sign up for both opportunities! If you have already registered and forgot to volunteer, you can email Eddy Pressley, Moderator Coordinator: epresley@bpcc.edu.

Proctor Certification Window Now Open



Register for the October 2026 Proctor Certification Window

- Registration Deadline: September 3, 2026
- Accommodation Request Deadline: August 19, 2026

Please see this website for more details and to register: <https://www.ncta-testing.org/proctor-certification>.

Newly Certified and Recertified Test Centers

Congratulations to our newly certified and recertified test centers. Your commitment and hard work are truly commendable.

Initial Certifications

- Midland College

Recertifications

- Missouri University of Science & Technology
- Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
- University of Arizona
- Tarrant County College\
- Rio Salado College - Luke AFB
- Rio Salado College - Avondale
- Rio Salado College - Northern
- Rio Salado College - Queen Creek
- Rio Salado College - Surprise
- Rio Salado College - Southern
- Rio Salado College - Thomas
- Purdue University Fort Wayne
- Washtenaw Community College
- Columbia State Community College
- Duke University
- North Shore Community College - Danvers
- North Shore Community College - Lynn



Interested in Volunteering?

Looking for a meaningful way to get more involved with NCTA?

Volunteers help shape the future of our association while building leadership skills, expanding their professional network, and giving back to the testing community. Explore current volunteer opportunities and find a role that's right for you!

View the NCTA Volunteer Jobs Board:

<https://ncta.memberclicks.net/ncta-volunteer-jobs-board>.



Connect With Us:

Let's stay connected! Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see what we're up to. Every post tells a story of change. Follow to see the difference you are making in NCTA.

