



## Your NCTA Monthly Quick Bites for June 2025

“Excellence is not an act, but a habit.” — Aristotle




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 **Conference is just around the corner!**

 **July 7–10, 2025**

 **Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel and Conference Center**

 [\*\*Register now\*\*](#)

Get ready to connect, collaborate, and celebrate at the 2025 NCTA Annual Conference in Buffalo, NY! This year's event promises enriching sessions, networking opportunities, and a chance to explore a city brimming with history and culture.

## ✿ Explore Buffalo's Rich Heritage

- **Erie Canal Bicentennial:** Celebrate 200 years of the Erie Canal with a summer-long series of events, including festivals, concerts, and historical reenactments. ([The Washington Post](#))
- **Buffalo AKG Art Museum:** Visit the recently renovated museum featuring works by Cézanne, O'Keeffe, and contemporary artists, along with new amenities like a café and LEGO play space. ([Time](#))
- **Niagara Falls:** Just a short drive away, experience the breathtaking views and attractions of this natural wonder.

## 🎵 Summer Festivals and Events

- **Canalside Concert Series:** Enjoy live music at Buffalo's waterfront venue, featuring a lineup of diverse artists throughout the summer. ([Buffalo Waterfront](#))
- **Taste of Buffalo:** Extend your stay to attend the largest two-day food festival in the U.S., happening July 12–13. ([Visit Buffalo Niagara](#))

## 🗺️ Discover More

For a full list of attractions and events, visit [Visit Buffalo Niagara](#).

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your professional skills and enjoy the vibrant culture of Buffalo. We look forward to seeing you there!

## NCTA Swag Store is OPEN!

Starting today, the [NCTA online store](#) will be available for **three weeks** for all NCTA members to view and order their favorite promotional items. The store will be available through June 20, giving ample time for all orders to be placed and received before the 2025 conference in Buffalo! All orders can be placed individually and will be shipped directly to your home or office.

This year, the store offers 10 NCTA-branded items! Rep your NCTA merch at the conference...and don't forget...NCTA items make great gifts for testing staff!



**NCTA Proctor Certification**



**The next window for Proctor Certification is:**

October 6-31, 2025

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2025

Accommodation Request Deadline: August 22, 2025

[Register](#) for the October 6-31 Proctor Certification Window

[Learn more](#) about Proctor Certification.

### **Newly Certified and Recertified Test Centers**



Congratulations to our newly certified and recertified test centers! Your hard work is applauded!

## **Initial**

- Cuyahoga Community College Metropolitan Campus

## **Recertification**

- Arizona State University
- North Iowa Area Community College
- University of Cincinnati
- Cameron University
- University of North Georgia Dahlonega

## **Connect with Special Interest Groups (SIGs) at the 2025 Conference**

The Partnerships & Outreach Division is thrilled to announce that the SIGs will be hosting two events at the conference:

- SIGs Networking Meal: Connect, Share, and Collaborate
- SIG Coffee Date: Brewing Community and Conversation

Details in the conference agenda and app.

We invite all NCTA members to participate in these sessions and get involved with the SIGs. Whether you're attending your first SIG event or you're a returning member, your voice matters. Topics include, but are not limited to, emergency planning for vendor testing, universal access compared to accessibility, managing Gen Z, and more. We encourage open discussion and ideas! Come ready to ask questions and collaborate with colleagues from across the country.

Want to get involved before the conference? Send questions, topic suggestions, or resource ideas (white papers, sample documents, etc.) to our SIGs email: [partnerships@ncta-testing.org](mailto:partnerships@ncta-testing.org)!

## **Welcome New Accessibility Committee Members**

NCTA happily welcomes three new members to the Accessibility Committee. The NCTA Accessibility Committee is dedicated to advancing inclusivity by providing expertise and guidance on accessibility across all facets of the organization.

NCTA Accessibility Committee - Kelsey Jordan – Chair | Purdue University | [kjorda00@purdue.edu](mailto:kjorda00@purdue.edu)

- Event Accessibility Coordinator – Timothy O'Connor | University of Wisconsin – Madison | [tnoconno@wisc.edu](mailto:tnoconno@wisc.edu)

- Policy & Document Specialist – Michael Smith | California State University, Sacramento | [michael.smith@csus.edu](mailto:michael.smith@csus.edu)
- General Accessibility Advocate – Janell Davis | South Dakota State University | [janell.davis@sdstate.edu](mailto:janell.davis@sdstate.edu)



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If you have items to contribute to *Quick Bites* that are of benefit to all members of the NCTA organization, please share them with the Administration division chairs: Jan Gonzalez at [jan.gonzalez@pnw.edu](mailto:jan.gonzalez@pnw.edu) and Alan Dixon-Hurd at [a.hurd@csus.edu](mailto:a.hurd@csus.edu).

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