“Convergence College Network” (CCN) Overview

National CTC Online Resources

Main Website: www.connectedtech.org
- Upcoming event information
- Convergence College Network (CCN) “Program Finder”, info sheet, and application
- Curriculum materials
- Job forecasts and trends
- “Business and Industry Leadership Team” (BILT) info and “Guide to Getting Business Involved”
- Links to other ATE Centers and related programs
- Grant mission, goals, and achievements
- Leadership Team and grant staff bios and contact information

CTC Resource Wiki: nationalctc.nationalctcwiki.org
- CCN meeting and event calendar
- CCN reporting deadlines, guides, and templates (including “Yearly Status Report” template, “CCN Points” grid, and process documents for BILT meetings and KSA discussions)
- Travel guidelines and forms
- CCN meeting minutes, documents and agendas
- Sample curriculum, capstone projects, CCN member school degree/certificate plans
- Presentations from previous conferences
- Brochures and flyers, logos, and graphics
- Grant partner college and contact info

CTC Blog: www.connectedtech.org/blog
- Discussions on emerging technology trends
- Details and reports from training workshops and conferences
- Unique case studies of innovative IT programs
- Advice and guidance on program building/growth strategies
- New educational tools and techniques
- Job and market analysis, outlooks and trends
- Profiles, interviews and testimonials from convergence students
- News and updates about our program

CTC Social Media Sites:
- Blog: connectedtech.org/blog
- Twitter: twitter.com/MobileCTC
- Facebook Page: facebook.com/NationalCTC
- BILT LinkedIn Group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5106773
- YouTube Channel: youtube.com/mobilectc
- Instagram: instagram.com/nationalctc
- Email Newsletter: bit.ly/Email-Signup

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Convergence College Network Benefits

The Convergence College Network (CCN) is a select cohort of community colleges and universities from across the country that connects IT educators with a wealth of resources to enhance their programs. CCN member schools receive benefits based on their unique level of engagement and participation. While those who wish to receive Level 1 benefits must invest more time and energy, all CCN activities for both levels are designed to improve programs and maximize the benefits to the member college.

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<td>Participate in unique cost-reduction virtual labs that share technology resources online among several schools</td>
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<td>Register early for National CTC free professional development events in advance of the general public</td>
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<td>Request sizable travel reimbursement assistance for National CTC professional development events</td>
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<td>Access a robust collection of IT/convergence curricula and classroom resources developed by instructors</td>
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<td>Collaborate with other CCN members across the country to incorporate new technologies, build academic alliances, develop strategies for program improvement, and share models for recruitment and retention</td>
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<td>Learn how to develop your own regional Business and Industry Leadership Team (BILT) and get your program aligned with workforce needs</td>
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<td>Network with National CTC leaders who have written successful grants to brainstorm ideas and get feedback on proposals</td>
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<td>Receive regular updates on current industry trends and job skills needs from National CTC’s Business and Industry Leadership Team (BILT)</td>
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To assist new CCN members, the National CTC will also provide:
- A senior CCN faculty member for mentoring and consulting
- An administrative point of contact to address questions and concerns

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Convergence College Network Meetings and Events

Meetings
- Business and Industry Leadership Team meetings
- Convergence College Network meetings
- Convergence College Network Administrator meetings

CCN Webinar
The National CTC recently hosted a one-hour webinar covering all topics related to membership in the CCN, including member school responsibilities. You can view that webinar recording here: http://bit.ly/CCN101

Training
Working Connections events offer cutting-edge, cost-effective professional development that provides you with the expertise needed to teach the most in-demand technology topics.
https://connectedtech.org/working-connections-it-faculty-development-institute/

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