

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Participants must be employed or actively engaged in the field of education and/or work in the area of at-risk youth services (or similar setting).

Program Registration: \$450

Please note the program registration fee must be received by NDPC within 30 days of applicant's participation in a qualifying NDPC conference or other NDPC event or within 30 days of registering for one or more *15 Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention* online courses. Fee includes one-year NDPC membership plus discounts on NDPC services and products. Event fees, travel and associated costs, and online course costs are the responsibility of the participant.

Online Courses: \$99 per course*

*Exception: the Overview Course carries two credits and costs \$149.

Upon acceptance, candidates must:

- Complete the NDPS professional learning requirements within 24 months (online courses must be completed within 12 months of registration in the course)
- Maintain continuous membership with the National Dropout Prevention Center after initial membership year concludes, and
- Submit and share a field project.

Because online courses are self-paced, many participants complete the program more quickly than two years. Professional learning requirements are to attend at least twelve designated sessions at NDPC conferences or to complete twelve National Dropout Prevention Center online courses or any combination that totals twelve. Strategies may not be repeated.

Certification is valid for three years and may be renewed by continuing NDPC membership and attending four additional NDPC conference sessions, completing four NDPC online courses, or a combination of both that totals four for certification renewal.



For more information and to apply, visit:
www.dropoutprevention.org/content/national-dropout-prevention-specialist-certification-program

CERTIFICATION BENEFITS

Certificate holders will receive documentation of current and research-based expertise in multiple areas of dropout prevention and at-risk youth services from the NDPC, the nation's leading dropout prevention organization.

Certificate holders will be recognized on our website as having completed the program and may make themselves available to share their expertise with school districts and related professionals seeking counsel on dropout prevention. Being networked to other front-line practitioners gives our graduates unique opportunities for collaboration and to share information nationwide.

Other benefits include NDPC posting of field project reports and receiving all discounts offered to individuals enrolled in NDPC membership during program participation.



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ENHANCE & VERIFY YOUR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING IN DROPOUT PREVENTION

National Dropout Prevention Specialist (NDPS) certification can be achieved by attending designated sessions at events hosted by the National Dropout Prevention Center, such as our national conferences, and/or by completing online courses related to the *15 Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention*.

Candidates for certification must then complete a field project report to validate their on-the-job experience. Approved field project reports will be published on the NDPC website.

ENGAGING ALL LEARNERS

Our network of researchers, practitioners, authors, and experts are at the forefront in developing, field testing, and verifying the most effective strategies for decreasing dropout and increasing graduation rates.

Whether it's at-risk youth, student engagement, new literacies, wraparound support, or dropout issues in urban or rural communities, participants in the NDPS Certification Program will find strategies to fit their needs!



15 EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION



The NDPC has identified *15 Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention* that have the most positive impact on reducing school dropout and are the foundation for the NDPS certification program.

The U.S. Department of Education has endorsed and recommended these strategies nationally.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

- Systemic Approach
- School-Community Collaboration
- Safe Learning Environments

EARLY INTERVENTIONS

- Family Engagement
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Literacy Development

BASIC CORE STRATEGIES

- Mentoring/Tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Alternative Schooling
- After-School/Out-of-School Opportunities

MAKING THE MOST OF INSTRUCTION

- Professional Development
- Active Learning
- Educational Technology
- Individualized Instruction
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)

For three decades, the National Dropout Prevention Center **has championed the research and development of effective strategies in dropout prevention and intervention, dropout recovery, and student engagement.**

Our goal is to improve opportunities for all young people to fully develop the academic, social, work, and healthy life skills needed to graduate from high school and lead productive lives.

**NDPC'S MISSION IS TO DECREASE DROPOUT RATES
USING PROVEN EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES.**

Visit our website for more information.
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