



2026 NCD A Conference Call for Proposals

Creative Resilience: Integrating Dynamic Solutions in Career Development

June 30 – July 2, 2026

**June 29 – Professional Development Institutes
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- **Presentation:** 60-minute traditional format. *Appropriate for a more formal, expert topic presentation with multiple presenters.*
- **Roundtable:** Two consecutive 25-minute presentations at a roundtable that accommodates up to 10 people; no A/V equipment will be available. Roundtables provide a relaxed and interactive forum for presenters to share their work and ideas related to research, programs, and practical applications. *Appropriate if your topic of expertise is better suited for informal conversations. Roundtable presentations may not have more than 2 presenters.*
- **Professional Development Institute:** 4-hour in-depth workshop to be held pre-conference. *Appropriate for focusing in-depth on a topic and can include opportunity to practice skills or engage in discussions, while earning additional continuing education hours.*

CONFERENCE AUDIENCE

The National Career Development Association's Global Conference includes career counselors, educators, and consultants. They work in colleges, private practice, schools, business and industry, workforce, corrections and one-stop centers, agencies, government and other workplace settings. They call themselves counselor educators, career center staff, coaches, career services providers, consultants, directors, transition specialists, managers, labor market and employment specialists, and school counselors and administrators.

CONFERENCE THEME – ***Creative Resilience: Integrating Dynamic Solutions in Career Development***

Creativity is often associated with artists and performers, but at its core, it's about problem-solving, innovation, and adaptability. In the face of rapid change across the workforce, career professionals must apply creativity to design effective interventions, support diverse populations, and reimagine traditional practices.

Creativity also fuels resilience, helping us adapt, grow, and thrive amid challenges.

How are you applying creativity in your practice? What pivots have you made in response to changing client needs or institutional challenges? What innovative service or partnerships have emerged from your work?

PRESENTATION FOCUS AREAS

NCDA has seven (7) constituency groups. A large percentage of proposals are deemed to be applicable to a “general audience.” As such, having a proposal chosen from “general audience” group is much more competitive than one that targets a specific constituency group. This should be considered when marking the group that best represents your target audience.

1. K-12 Career Counselors and Specialists
2. Counselor Educators and Researchers
3. Higher Education Career Center Counselors and Specialists
4. Career Counselors and Specialists in Business & Industry
5. Career Counselors and Specialists in Government and Public Agencies
6. Career Counselors and Specialists in Private Practice and Consulting
7. Career Counselors and Specialists Working with Special Populations such as Military/Veterans, Corrections, Special Needs, etc.
8. General Audience (applicable to all attendees)

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Be clear and concise. Proposals are limited in length. Additional information will not be accepted or considered in the review process.

Submission Instructions: Proposals must be submitted via the online platform.

The submission form will be open Wednesday, August 13 through Monday, October 7, 2025. *Proposals NOT submitted via the online platform WILL NOT be accepted for review.*

Correspondence regarding program proposal acceptance and confirmation will be made via email.

You will receive a confirmation email once you submit your proposal. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact Mary Ann Powell at mpowell@ncda.org or phone (918) 663-7060.

Deadline for Submission: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 11:59 pm Eastern Time. Submissions will not be accepted after this date unless otherwise stated on the NCDA website.

NBCC CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

NCDA is an NBCC Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP). For proposals to be eligible for NBCC Continuing Education (CE), the chair or lead presenter must meet specific presenter qualifications and present on topics appropriate for his/her level of experience/training. The CHAIR or LEAD PRESENTER must indicate an appropriate category for the session to be NBCC CE approved.

Category I presenters are qualified to present on topics including, but not limited to:

- Theories, principles, and techniques of counseling as applied to work and career
- Career counseling processes and resources, including, but not limited to, those applicable to specific communities and populations
- Career/life planning and decision-making models
- Life-work role transitions, including, but not limited to, outplacement and retirement counseling

Category II and III presenters may be accepted for topics including:

- Career development program planning, resources, and program evaluation
- Assessment of workplace environment for purposes of job placement
- Trends in job search
- Career avocational, educational, occupational, and labor market information, and resources and career information systems

You will be asked to select a category that matches your expertise:

- **Category I:** Holds a graduate degree **in mental health field** from an institutionally accredited educational institution and is qualified by appropriate education, experience, and/or training to present/author the subject matter, or author the publication concerning the subject matter.
- **Category II:** Holds a graduate degree from an institutionally accredited educational institution directly related to the subject matter presented and be qualified by appropriate education, experience, and/or training to present/author the subject matter, or author the publication concerning the subject matter.
- **Category III:** Be qualified by appropriate education, experience, and/or training to present/author the subject matter, or author the publication concerning the subject matter.

PROGRAM SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS

Selection: The NCDA Conference Program Committee will review all proposals. Final decisions will be based on quality, intended audience, and relation to the conference theme. **The presentation chair will be notified via email of acceptance or rejection of the proposal no later than Tuesday, December 2, 2025.** The presentation chair is responsible for communicating with others on the program.

If you do not receive an email notification of your acceptance or decline from NCDA by December 2, please contact Mary Ann Powell at mpowell@ncda.org or phone (918) 663-7060.

Evaluation: Each program proposal will be evaluated on the degree to which they meet the following criteria:

1. Program Goals and Objectives
2. Program Description
3. Relevance to the Conference Theme
4. Content is Grounded in Evidence, Theory, Research, or Practical Experience
5. Clear Connections are Made to Practical Applications in Career Development

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Paid registration for the National Career Development Association's Global Conference is required of all presenters.

Registration deadline for all presenters is Tuesday, March 3, 2026. **Failure to register by the deadline may result in cancellation of your program.** You must be available to present at any time scheduled during the conference (Tuesday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2, 2026; PDIs will be held on Monday, June 29). Requests for specific days/times cannot be honored.

Check the NCDA website at www.ncda.org for up-to-date conference information. Online Conference registration will be available in late fall of 2025. Early Bird Conference Registration will be available until February 10, 2026.

A/V EQUIPMENT/INTERNET CONNECTIONS

Meeting rooms will be equipped with head table, screen, LCD/Data projector, electric, and Internet. Audio visual equipment such as flipcharts and audio connections are available upon request. Conference management **will not provide computers, laptops, or any other type of electronic equipment**. Presenters must bring their own laptop/tablet or incur the cost individually.

HANDOUTS

Presenters are responsible for providing digital files for uploading to the conference app. Detailed instructions for uploading handouts will be provided.

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals should reference relevant literature and NCDA publications as applicable. Please limit your submission to the specific number of characters/words. Any additional verbiage will not be shared with reviewers. *Please review the Call for Proposals Information thoroughly before submitting your proposal to ensure you and your presenters agree with all requirements.*

**Submit your proposal electronically.
Only electronic submissions will be accepted.**

1. Title of Presentation (150 characters or less)
2. Goals and Objectives - indicate clear, concise goals and objectives of the presentation (up to 50 words)
3. Program Description
 - a. Abstract (50-word summary to appear in the conference program)
Advertise Appropriately. Please be sure the content of your presentation matches the title and description.
 - b. Summary of information, program, service, resource, technique, theory, or research to be presented (up to 250 words)
4. Presentation Chair Contact Information
 - a. Name, title, institution/organization
 - b. Phone, email
 - c. Education Level (bachelors, masters, or doctorate)
 - d. Mental Health or Counseling Related (Y or N)
 - e. NBCC Continuing Education Category. Please select I, II, or III
5. Additional Presenter(s) Information for program book printing purposes (max of 10 total presenters including chair)
 - a. Name, title, institution/organization, email
 - b. Education Level (bachelors, masters, or doctorate)

- c. Mental Health or Counseling Related (Y or N)
- d. NBCC Continuing Education Category. Please select I, II, or III
- 6. Presentation Focus: Choose **one** of the descriptions for your session's target audience.
 - a. K-12 Career Counselors and Specialists
 - b. Counselor Educators and Researchers
 - c. Higher Education Career Center Counselors and Specialists
 - d. Career Counselors and Specialists in Business & Industry
 - e. Career Counselors and Specialists in Government and Public Agencies
 - f. Career Counselors and Specialists in Private Practice and Consulting
 - g. Career Counselors and Specialists Working with Special Populations such as Military/Veterans, Corrections, Special Needs, etc.
 - h. General Audience (applicable to all attendees)
- 7. Program Type – Indicate which program type you prefer.
 - a. Presentation (60 minutes)
 - b. Roundtable (25 minutes)
 - c. Professional Development Institute (4 hours)
- 8. Relevance to Theme: (up to 100 words) *Creative Resilience: Integrating Dynamic Solutions in Career Development*

PRESENTATION RELEASES AND AGREEMENTS

The Presentation Chair must initial the following statement in the submission indicating your assent to its conditions:

- ✓ I understand that I, and all other presenters, must register for the National Career Development Association's Global Conference and pay the appropriate conference fee(s) by March 3, 2026.
- ✓ I understand that I must hold membership in NCDA.
- ✓ I understand and commit to present the program proposal for which I have submitted.
- ✓ Should my content include resources which are available for sale, I understand I cannot sell items during a presentation and only in the exhibit hall and only by the purchase of an exhibit booth am I entitled to sell resources.
- ✓ I understand and adhere to all the above and should I not adhere to any portion of this statement NCDA has the right to cancel my program immediately.

We look forward to reviewing your proposal!

If you have any questions regarding the 2026 NCDA Global Career Development Conference please do not hesitate to contact Mary Ann Powell, mpowell@ncda.org, NCDA Convention Director. www.NCDA.org