



North Central Sociological Association

Professional Development Certification Application 2025 Annual Meeting in Lexington

The NCSA certificate program provides a structure for focusing your conference participation on professional development; thus, it documents and recognizes participation in sessions directly focused on professional development in sociology.

To receive the NCSA Preparing Future Faculty Certification you must **attend 5 sessions** from those listed on this document. *Please confirm the session details in the official program.* Verify your attendance with a signature from either the presider *or* one of the presenters at the end of each session you attend (only one signature per session is required). In addition to this signed document, you must submit an answer to the following question:

Describe three concepts, ideas, or strategies that you will incorporate into your own teaching or professional practice because of attending these sessions

This completed form with signatures should be turned in to the NCSA Registration Desk by 6:15 PM, Saturday, April 5th. We will send you an email to remind you to complete the certificate, the essay must be submitted.

The reflective essay emailed as an attachment to Greg Kordsmeier at gkordsme@ius.edu no later than April 22, 2025. You will be sent a certificate of completion that can be highlighted on your curriculum vitae.

Please Complete (print clearly):

FULL NAME	
DEPARTMENT	
INSTITUTION	
PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS	
EMAIL	
PREFERRED PHONE	
YOUR SIGNATURE	

Sessions I attended for the Professional Development Certificate - Professional
(minimum of five required)

Day	Start Time	Session Number	Session Facilitator Signature

SESSIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CERTIFICATE

Thursday Session 1:00 PM NCSA/AKD Preconference Workshop

Friday Sessions

- Friday 10:00am Confronting Challenges in Teaching
- Friday 10:00am Teaching Students Public Sociology Skills
- Friday 11:30am Applying Sociology: Making an Impact Beyond Academia
- Friday 11:30am Assessing Student Learning
- Friday 1:15pm GIFTS: Good Ideas for Teaching Sociology and Publishing in TRAILS
- Friday 1:15pm Innovative Teaching in Different Contexts
- Friday 2:45pm Innovative Teaching Techniques
- Friday 2:45pm Putting Expertise into Action: OpEd Writing Workshop I
- Friday 4:30 Peer Review Publishing Strategies for Sociological Focus

Saturday Sessions

- Saturday 9:00am 2025 Schnabel Distinguished Teaching Plenary
- Saturday 10:30am High Impact Practices
- Saturday 10:30am The Challenges of a Community Engaged Curriculum: Balancing the Needs of Students and Community Partners
- Saturday 12:00 pm Presidential Address
- Saturday 2:00 pm Teaching Introduction to Sociology: The Content and Role of Introductory Sociology Courses
- Saturday 2:00 pm Putting Expertise into Action: OpEd Writing Workshop II
- Saturday 3:30pm From CV to Hire Me: Strategies to Transform your Academic Portfolio into an Industry Ready Resume
- Saturday 5:00pm Teaching with AI