The mission of the North Dakota Teacher Center Network is to assist practicing teachers, education students and other educational personnel in professional knowledge and skill development to improve the learning of students.

Goals
1. Deliver professional development based on research and best practices.
2. Facilitate joint projects and exchange of services between K-12 schools, state and federal agencies and institutions of higher education for professional development of practicing teachers, education students and other educational personnel.
3. Communicate via print and/or electronic mediums to all constituents.
4. Provide practicing teachers, education students and other educational personnel with access to instructional resources and educational equipment.

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Graduate School

The MSU Graduate School offers nine master’s degrees and one education specialist degree. Courses are available on campus, online, over IVN, and at other North Dakota locations.

The Master of Education degree offers several distinct concentrations as well as the option for a student to self-design a concentration to meet his/her classroom needs. The Master of Science in Special Education offers five concentrations, including Deaf Education and Developmental Disabilities/Autism Spectrum Disorders. For more focused discipline specific programming, students may select from a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Mathematics or Science, the Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology, or Master of Science degrees in Management or Information Systems.

The required capstone experience varies from completing a capstone course, an action research project, an artistic exhibition, a thesis, or written and oral comprehensive exams. Most programs provide students a choice for their final experience.

Several programs are state or federal grant supported, providing admitted students a range of financial support for their education. Additionally, MSU offers all students, regardless of residency, a low tuition rate of $325.82 per credit for campus classes and $327.42 per credit for online, IVN internet synchronous using Blackboard Collaborate, and other locations.

CONTACT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
today to learn more about what you can gain from graduate study at Minot State University!

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Supporting Strong, Deep Instruction

Looking for solid training and content expertise to help students achieve learning competencies in your classroom? Bolster your skills with online resources from our newest partner, Continuing Education Associates:

- **Best Practices in English Language Learning Instruction** (2 PD credits)
- **Best Practices in Writing Instruction** (2 PD credits)
- **Effective Differentiated Instruction Techniques for the Classroom** (2 PD credits)

CEA courses are taught by expert instructors covering content areas pertinent to today’s k-12 teachers.

For more online courses, go to: UND.edu/pde/educators/online-courses

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KNDC Contest Expands to Kindergarten in 2016

The Keep North Dakota Clean (KNDC) contest has expanded to include Pre-K students in 2016! KNDC Inc. is proud to partner with Newman Outdoor Advertising to sponsor the 48th poster contest! Participants color or create artwork that reflects their knowledge about the responsibility we all have to use our natural resources wisely. First place artwork in each grade will be turned into billboards by Newman Outdoor Advertising!

KNDC and the ND Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a high school digital media contest to promote Keep North Dakota Trails Clean by showcasing the creative talents of students in grades 9-12. For 2016, this MUST be a 30-second promotional HD video.

The deadline for all entries is March 15, 2016. For more details, check out www.Keep-ND-Clean.org or contact Glenda.Fauske@ndsu.edu; (701) 228-5446.
WHAT IS POETRY OUT LOUD?
Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a free national program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation and North Dakota Council on the Arts. By incorporating memorization and performance in the classroom, POL sets the stage for students to deepen their understanding of figurative language, word relationships and the nuances within word meanings. In addition, students learn about great poetry, explore their literary heritage and gain confidence in public speaking skills.

Starting at the classroom level, teachers use free POL multimedia curriculum materials – a Teachers’ Guide, DVD, posters, and comprehensive website, all aligned to national standards – to augment their regular poetry curriculum with poetry recitation and a classroom-level competition. Winners advance to a school-wide contest, State Finals and, ultimately, to the National Contest held in Washington, D.C. Read more about POL at: http://www.poetryoutright.org & http://ndpol.weebly.com/

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?
Any school or homeschool group in North Dakota that teaches students in grades nine through twelve can register to participate in POL. Public, private, parochial, alternative, independent, and Christian schools - as well as homeschool groups or organizations and school-sponsored afterschool programs - are encouraged to participate.

AWARDS
The State Champion receives $200 and an all-expense-paid trip, with chaperone, to Washington DC to compete in the National POL Contest. The Champion’s school receives a $500 stipend for the purchase of poetry materials. The runner-up receives $100, with $200 for his or her school library. At the National Contest, contestants compete to earn awards in the amounts of $1,000, $5,000, $10,000 and a grand prize of $20,000.

HOW TO REGISTER
All schools wishing to participate in the North Dakota POL program must officially register through North Dakota Council on the Arts. POL Teacher Resource materials will be mailed to all participating teachers. To register contact Rebecca Engelman at: rengelman@nd.gov, or download and submit the online registration form found at: http://ndpol.weebly.com/teacher-resources.html. Early Bird Registration Deadline is October 1, 2015. All registrations must be received by November 1, 2015.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE CHAMPIONS

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UPCOMING TRAINING
Hosted by North Dakota Game & Fish Department
Bismarck, North Dakota
December 9 & 10, 2015

PROVIDING STANDARDS-BASED PROGRAM
FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS
“Cast A Fly, Catch A Student”

WHAT: NATIONAL FISHING IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM TRAINING for NFSP Level 1, Level 2 and Mentor certifications

WHEN:
- Level 2 NFSP Teacher Trainer: Wednesday, Dec 9, 2015
- Level 1 NFSP Teacher: Thursday, Dec 10, 2015
- NFSP Mentor: Thursday, Dec 10, 2015

TIMES: 9 am to 4 pm

WHERE: LIGHT OF CHRIST SCHOOL, 1025 N. 2nd Street, Bismarck, ND

WEBSITE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:
- Go to: www.fishinginschools.org
- click on “TEACHERS” and
- click on the “TRAINING REGISTRATION” link

COST: There is no cost for this training as it is being hosted by North Dakota Game & Fish Department.

LUNCH: byo or order out

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