

Nationally Certified Transition Specialist Recognition Toolkit

Congratulations on becoming a Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS)! This toolkit will provide you with all the tools to help you celebrate and elevate your new credential. If you have any questions, please reach out to certification@exceptionalchildren.org.

Style Guide

Signature

When adding this credential to your signature, include it after your professional degree.

Ex: John Smith, PhD, NCTS

If you have professional licenses, include after listing those.

Ex: Jane Baker, RN, NCTS

Resume/CV

Under the appropriate section in your resume/CV, you should list NCTS and include: the full name of the certification (Nationally Certified Transition Specialist), the issuing organization (The Council for Exceptional Children), the date you earned the certification.

Ex: **Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS)**, *The Council for Exceptional Children* – March 2026

LinkedIn

On LinkedIn, you can add your new credential under the Licenses & Certifications section of your profile. Fill out the following:

Name: Nationally Certificated Transition Specialist (NCTS)

Issuing organization: The Council for Exceptional Children

Issue Date: [Month] [Year]

Expiration Date: [5 years after issue date]

Credential ID: [leave blank]

Credential URL: <https://exceptionalchildren.org/nationally-certified-transition-specialist>

Press Release

Use this template if you would like to submit a press release to your organization's media department. Please note

[Name] Earns Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS) Credential

[Name], [position], earned the National Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS) credential, offered by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Division for Career Development and Transition (DCDT). This innovative certification was designed to elevate the quality and impact of transition services for youth and young adults with disabilities.

The NCTS credential establishes a national benchmark for professionals supporting individuals as they transition from school to postsecondary education, employment, and independent living. Grounded in CEC and DCDT's rigorous, research-based standards, the certification recognizes practitioners who demonstrate advanced knowledge, skills, and competencies in transition planning and service delivery.

Candidates pursuing the credential demonstrate a commitment to advancing their expertise and improving outcomes for individuals navigating the transition to adulthood.

[include a quote from a supervisor, colleague, or mentor about this accomplishment]

The CEC/DCDT Transition Competencies include seven broad competency areas: (a) transition content knowledge; (b) transition assessment; (c) transition programs, services, and equitable outcomes; (d) transition research and adequacy; (e) transition leadership and policy; (f) transition professional and ethical practice; and (g) collaboration. Together, these seven broad competency areas provide a comprehensive framework for equitable, inclusive, and effective secondary transition programs, services, and practices that empower students and youth with disabilities to achieve meaningful postschool success in the areas of education, employment/training, and community engagement.

[Learn more](#) about the Nationally Certified Transition Specialist credential.

Social Media

- I'm proud to announce that I've earned the Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS) credential from the Council for Exceptional Children. This certification recognizes specialized expertise in transition services and a commitment to supporting youth with disabilities as they prepare for life after school. I'm honored to be part of a growing community working to elevate this important field.
- I'm proud to share that I am now a Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS). This credential reflects my commitment to evidence-based transition practices and supporting students with disabilities as they prepare for postsecondary education, employment, and independent living.
- Honored to announce that I've earned the Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS) credential. Transition services require specialized knowledge and collaboration, and I'm proud to be recognized for this important work.
- Proud to share that I am now a Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS). This milestone reflects my dedication to strengthening transition services and helping students with disabilities move confidently into adulthood.
- I'm proud to have earned the Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS) credential. Transition services are a specialized field, and I'm excited to continue supporting students, families, and communities through high-quality transition planning.
- I'm proud to share that I am now a Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS). This credential recognizes expertise in helping youth with disabilities successfully transition to postsecondary education, employment, and independent living.
- Proud to announce that I've earned my Nationally Certified Transition Specialist (NCTS) credential. I'm honored to support and advance high-quality transition services for youth with disabilities.