

NCSA Professional Development Certification Application

2026 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh

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 Professional Development Certification, you must **attend 5 sessions** from those listed on this document. *Please confirm the details of the session 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

Take a photo or scan the completed form with signatures and email it, along with the reflective essay, to Greg Kordsmeier at gkordsme@iu.edu no later than May 8, 2026. You will be sent a certificate of completion that can be highlighted on your curriculum vitae.

Please Complete (print clearly):

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Sessions I attended for the Professional Development Certificate

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SESSIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CERTIFICATE

Thursday, April 16

1:00 PM AKD Preconference Workshop

Friday, April 17

8:30am Innovative Classrooms

10:00am Enhancing Scholarly Teaching: Publishing and Learning with TRAILS

11:30am 2026 John F. Schnabel Award Winner-Address

1:15pm Teaching with AI

1:15pm Applied and Active Learning

2:45pm Teaching Sociology with Applied Sociology: How to Integrate an Applied Project into Teaching

Saturday, April 18

8:30am “How are you Going to Make Money with That?” Finding a Career in Sociology in Challenging Times

10:00am Sociology for the People: Sharing Your Voice through Op-eds

11:30am Presential Address

1:15pm From CV to Hire Me: Part 1

1:15pm Teaching Sociology in Politically Challenging Times

1:15pm Gasping for Air: Non-Tenure Faculty Share Challenges and Pedagogical Examples to Battle Alienation and Burnout

2:45pm From CV to Hire Me: Part 2

4:15pm Adapting Teaching to Different Contexts