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National Certificate for STEM Teaching Named Finalist for 2019 Ed-Tech Cool Tool Award for Professional Development Learning Solution

The online, competency-based program helps K-12 teachers build and grow their STEM teaching skills to create effective STEM classrooms and improve student achievement

HOUSTON — April 10, 2019 —The 2019 [EdTech Awards](#) have recognized the [National Certificate for STEM Teaching](#) (NCST) from the [National Institute for STEM Education](#) (NISE) as a finalist for a Cool Tool Award in the professional development learning solution category. The Ed-Tech Awards were established in 2010 to recognize, acknowledge, and celebrate the most exceptional innovators, leaders, and trendsetters in education technology.

“We’re delighted to be recognized by the EdTech Awards, and we share this honor with the more than 1,700 educators who have participated in the NCST,” said Judy Zimny, Ed.D., vice president of NISE. “What makes the NCST different from other professional development programs is that it focuses on high-impact STEM instructional strategies that work synergistically across content areas. It’s been incredibly rewarding to see teachers enhance their STEM teaching craft and grow as STEM leaders. It’s also been gratifying to see so many NCST participants go on to pursue graduate STEM programs with NISE’s partner university, American College of Education.”

The NCST provides an affordable, convenient solution for addressing an urgent need to integrate STEM education across grade levels and content areas. Designed with working educators in mind, the NCST is personalized, job-embedded, and convenient. Once enrolled, participants can start any time, work with colleagues, move at their own pace, receive support from their online STEM coach, and have a full year to demonstrate their understanding of the 15 embedded STEM Teacher Actions. NCST candidates may enroll individually or as members of district cohorts. The NCST can then be applied to STEM master’s and doctorate programs offered by [American College of Education](#).

For information, visit [getstemcertified.com](#).

About the National Institute for STEM Education

NISE is more than a certifying body. It is a research-based support system for campuses and teachers seeking to strengthen STEM instruction and outcomes. Based on 15 STEM Teacher Actions that evolved from STEM professional development originally created at Rice University, NISE’s Campus and Teacher Certificates help school leaders and teachers understand and apply research and best practices in STEM, 21st-century learning, and professional development. For information, visit [nise.institute](#).

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