



Cisco Connected Educator

Cisco Connected Educator: A professional development program that connects you with high-quality collaboration tools to use as you foster innovation and creativity in today's digital classrooms

Today's classrooms look a lot different than even 20 years ago. Around the world, educators like you are bending the boundaries of the traditional classroom – through virtual field trips, online collaboration, and more.

And while you're an expert on student learning, you're also a technology innovator. You're experimenting with digital tools to give your students new connections and experiences.

The Cisco Connected Educator program recognizes your role as a tech innovator and connects you to a larger community of like-minded educators. This community of teacher leaders offers inspiration, resources, and connections to help you expand the digital boundaries of learning.

See how teachers in this small Oklahoma district are using technology to connect with classrooms in Japan, Mexico, and Israel.

[Watch now.](#)



The possibilities are endless, but in all cases, it's the educator who brings innovation to the classroom.

How can you learn to use the technology that's available to you and your students in exciting, creative new ways? Where can you discover proven best practices and approaches that have worked for educators like you? How can you help encourage an environment that embraces change and a willingness to reimagine teaching and learning?

How it works

The new Cisco Connected Educator program provides Cisco badges for teachers, and content providers who demonstrate their ability to use Cisco video and collaboration technologies for better teaching and learning, content creation, and administrative management. Earning each badge requires completing a rubric of tasks, including providing documentation and sharing artifacts that demonstrate your learning as you use collaboration tools in your teaching environment. Badges are aligned with the ISTE standards and may also be used to demonstrate competencies within your district. Plus, after you earn your first badge, you'll be awarded a Webex license by CILC, giving you comprehensive collaboration features to use.



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At the heart of this program is Cisco’s partnership with the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC), an organization that connects teachers and content providers to deliver immersive, video-enabled virtual field trips to students. CILC supports teachers and content providers with a range of professional learning networks on key content and topic areas, all enabled by Cisco Webex. Cisco Connected Educator program takes advantage of the large database of content providers from across the globe that leverage CILC resources.

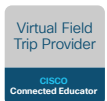
[Get started today!](#) When you use the CILC database for the first time, you’ll choose an area of interest. Then, you’ll be guided through relevant content to find virtual fieldtrips and collaboration opportunities that will work for you; you’ll earn badges as you complete specific requirements. You’ll also be aligned with peers who share your interests. The Cisco Connected Educator program is designed as a network of educators who foster best-practice sharing, provide peer-to-peer mentoring and coaching, and offer you a forum to reflect on your practice.

Recognizing achievement: Leveraging the CILC Professional Learning Network to earn badges

Badges offer a meaningful way for you to demonstrate your expertise—and to recognize skill and experience in others. As you fulfill CILC Professional Learning Network requirements in each area, you’ll earn Cisco Connected Educator badges to showcase your accomplishments. All badges are aligned with ISTE Standards for Educators. Badges are available in seven key areas:



Virtual Field Trip Teacher: Demonstrates that an educator has successfully scheduled and participated in a virtual field trip with their students.



Virtual Field Trip Provider: Awarded to a content provider (e.g., museum, historical society, community resource, subject matter expert) who develops and delivers a virtual field trip program to a school.



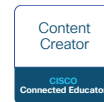
Administrator: Recognizes a school administrator who demonstrates visionary leadership using collaboration applications.



Connected Teacher: Recognizes a classroom teacher who uses digital technology to interact and engage with students before, during, and after class to affect the culture of student learning.



Collaboration Teacher: Demonstrates that an educator has used collaboration technology to connect beyond their district’s borders to plan or deliver lessons to students.



Content Creator: Awarded to an educator who facilitates a class in which students create content that will be shared with another school community.



Action Researcher: Recognizes an educator, enrolled or teaching at a higher education institution, who is leveraging collaboration technology for research and/or projects.

Get Started

[Learn more](#) about The Cisco Connected Educator program and how it can help you effectively integrate digital technology into teaching and learning.