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# Mentor Training

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Check & Connect Mentor Training is a 2-day competency-based training for mentors. See schedule of upcoming trainings offered at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus at [z.umn.edu/cnctrainings](http://z.umn.edu/cnctrainings).

## Training objectives

This training provides you with information, competencies, and skills needed to be an effective **Check & Connect mentor** at your site. You will learn and understand —

- Core components and elements of Check & Connect
- Role and expectations of the Check & Connect mentor
- Population of students they are mentoring and how to best meet their needs
- How to implement the "Check" and "Connect" procedures with fidelity
- Competencies and skills needed to be an effective mentor, such as building relationships with students, families, and school personnel; using data to determine interventions; reflective listening; and problem-solving.

## Who should attend

This training is designed for those assigned the role of Check & Connect mentor, whether a new or current mentor, as well as those interested in Check & Connect mentoring principles and practices. Site coordinators and administrators are encouraged to attend as well.

## Host a training

If you have less than 10 staff to train and would like to host an open enrollment Check & Connect training in your city, email us at [checkandconnect@umn.edu](mailto:checkandconnect@umn.edu) or call toll-free +1 (866) 434-0010.

## Training materials

Participants receive a copy of the Check & Connect manual, printed resource materials, and access to electronic implementation forms.



The Check & Connect implementation manual walks readers through the Check & Connect implementation process, outlining the key components, describing the steps of implementation, and presenting the underlying theories and research, including the four types of

student engagement (academic, behavioral, cognitive, and affective) and the importance of intervening both directly with students and indirectly through enhancing students' home and school contexts. Additionally, the manual provides guidance on options for implementing Check & Connect with fidelity to its principles and strategies, while also responding to local school and community contexts.

## Training Fee

**\$625** per participant, or **\$575** if registering before the early bird deadline.

(See website for registration deadlines.)

## Request on-site training

If you have 10 or more staff to train, it's often more economical to have our trainer come to your site. Request a price quote at [checkandconnect.umn.edu/inquire.html](http://checkandconnect.umn.edu/inquire.html), [checkandconnect@umn.edu](mailto:checkandconnect@umn.edu), or +1 (866) 434-0010.

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## About Check & Connect

Check & Connect is an intervention designed to enhance student engagement at school and with learning for marginalized, disengaged students in grades K-12, through relationship building, problem solving and capacity building, and persistence. For information on Check & Connect and its evidence basis, visit [checkandconnect.umn.edu](http://checkandconnect.umn.edu).

## Agenda

Training runs from 8:00am - 3:30pm. See agenda at [checkandconnect.umn.edu](http://checkandconnect.umn.edu). Continental breakfast and lunch are provided on both days at the conference center.

## Location

University of Minnesota, Continuing Education and Conference Center, 1890 Buford Ave, St. Paul, MN.

## Travel and lodging

Participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements. Cost of travel, lodging, and additional meals are not covered by the registration fee. Nearby lodging options (no discounted room rate - inquire about shuttle options) include:

- [Radisson Hotel Minneapolis / St. Paul North](#)  
2540 N Cleveland Ave, Roseville MN 55113  
800-333-3333 (or 651-636-4567)
- [Country Inn & Suites Roseville](#)  
2905 Snelling Ave. N., Roseville, MN 55113  
800-830-5222 (or 651-628-3500)
- [Fairfield Inn & Suites Mpls St. Paul / Roseville](#)  
3045 Centre Pointe Dr. N., Roseville, MN 55113  
866-576-5693 (or 651-636-7869)
- [Graduate Minneapolis Hotel](#)  
615 Washington Ave SE, Mpls, MN 55414  
800-822-6757 (direct at 612-379-8888)

## Register online

[checkandconnect.umn.edu](http://checkandconnect.umn.edu)

**Register online** at [checkandconnect.umn.edu](http://checkandconnect.umn.edu) (see link to this specific training). We accept payment by credit card or purchase order. Group registration is available if registering more than one person.

## Paying by purchase order (PO):

- **DO NOT send payment until you receive an invoice voucher from the U of M in the mail.**
- Obtain PO number and billing contact information prior to registering.
- Make PO payable to *The Regents of the University of Minnesota*, with the payment address of: Regents of the University of Minnesota, NW 5960, PO Box 1450, Minneapolis MN 55485-5960.
- If your organization is tax exempt, include your tax-exempt ID when registering and a copy of the exemption certificate with your materials.
- Upon registration, you must email or fax your registration confirmation with a PO (and tax exempt certificate, if applicable) to: Melissa Critchley, [checkandconnect@umn.edu](mailto:checkandconnect@umn.edu), 612-624-9344 (fax).

## Special needs

Please indicate any special needs on your registration, including dietary restrictions. Training materials are available in alternate formats upon request.

## Refund policy

If you cancel your registration within 5 business days after the registration deadline, you will receive a refund of your payment minus a \$100 administrative fee. Note that if you are not able to attend, you may substitute another person to attend by editing your registration online. If you cancel your registration more than 5 business days after the registration deadline, you will not be refunded.

**Register early as space is limited.**

## Questions?

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