

Frequently Asked Questions

NDEO has created this document as a guide to some of the most frequently asked questions about our upcoming conference. Please use this to help answer any questions you may have regarding the event. If this document does not answer your specific question, please email conference@ndeo.org.

CONTACTING NDEO

Will NDEO be available to answer questions at conference?

Yes! You will find NDEO staff in person at our registration desk in La Sala throughout the event. *Check the schedule for registration hours.*

What are NDEO's hours at the event?

Email and text message requests will be answered between the hours of 8:00am–5:00pm MT most days. *Check the schedule for specific hours.*

How can I contact NDEO for immediate assistance?

You can email us at conference@ndeo.org or text us at the conference help line number (240-619-8519). *Please do not text this number prior to September 24th.*

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONFERENCE

First-time attendees and networking

I'm new to conferences, how do I get oriented?

First-time attendees are strongly encouraged to attend NDEO 101: Navigating the Conference at 8:30am on Friday in Tesuque. There will also be a First Time Attendee Networking Lounge sponsored by NDI–New Mexico Fri–Sun in San Juan.

Where can I meet people?

The Grand Opening and Grand Closing are conference-wide social events great for meeting other attendees. Seating is open and you may sit with whoever you like. Community Meetups (formerly SIG meetings) are another great way to meet new people who share similar interests. Several of these take place during the lunch hour– check the schedule for details.

Conference sessions and events

How many sessions will be featured?

There will be over 200 sessions featured at NDEO's 2026 Conference.

Do I need to pre-register for individual sessions?

No! All attendees will be able to join the session of their choice during that session time. You can add sessions to your schedule via the conference app but this is not a formal registration. However, all of our Pre-Conference Intensive sessions require advance registration.

What's the difference between pre-conference intensives and regular sessions?

Pre-Conference Intensives are longer, more in-depth sessions for attendees who want a deeper dive into specific topics, or who need additional session hours to claim on their CEU/COA. These sessions are offered at an additional registration fee and take place the day prior to general sessions starting.

I didn't pre-register for pre-conference intensives but I'd like to add them on site, can I?

Yes! Just check at the NDEO conference registration desk.

What is the conference plenary on Friday morning?

Introducing our 2026 Plenary Workshop: Champion Native American Hoop Dancer and instructor ShanDien LaRance, alongside her father, Steve LaRance, will introduce participants to the cultural significance, movement, and foundations of Native American Hoop Dance. Through guided instruction, participants will explore basic footwork, rhythm, coordination, and hoop movement while gaining a deeper understanding of hoop dance as a living Indigenous dance tradition and form of cultural expression.

Are there any opportunities to see dance performances during conference?

Yes! Our site committee has put together a local Student Sharing Performance to take place on Thursday from 6:30pm-8:00pm. They have also coordinated Pop Up Performances for Saturday-Monday 1:15pm - 2:00pm in La Sala. There will also be a special performance at the Grand Opening dinner on Friday evening.

I'm a student, are there any conference events specifically for me?

Yes! Look for sessions labeled STUDENT SESSION in the conference schedule. Curated by NDEO's Student Initiatives Committee, these sessions are specifically designed for undergrad and graduate students.

Contacting presenters, attendees, and vendors

Can I contact a presenter after a session?

Presenters will each have a profile page on the conference app with their contact information. Some presenters may choose not to share their contact information, but you can always ask during the session if they have a preferred method of contact if you have questions and want to follow up.

Can I contact other attendees?

Attendees will be listed and searchable via the conference app with the contact information they have elected to share. You can use the conference app to directly message attendees.

How can I contact vendors if I missed vendor hours?

All vendors/sponsors will have their information listed on their vendor profiles in the conference app.

Leaving feedback in the conference app

How can I leave feedback about an individual session?

You can leave specific feedback on a session/speaker by visiting the session and clicking on the "Survey" button! All feedback will be given to presenters anonymously. You will need to have added that session to your schedule in order to leave feedback on the session.

How can I leave general feedback about the conference?

NDEO will have a post Conference Survey for all attendees after the close of the event. This will be located directly on the event platform. NDEO uses this feedback to gauge attendees' experience and to make decisions for future conferences. All input is valuable and appreciated.

EVENT LOGISTICS

Connecting to the internet

Is there WiFi at the venue?

Yes, there will be WIFI in all the conference session spaces. The network and password will be posted at registration when you check in and available in the conference app. Attendees staying at the conference hotel will also have internet access in their hotel rooms.

Will I be able to video conference?

The WIFI connection is not strong enough for streaming or video calls in session spaces.

Meals and concessions

When do I eat?

Whenever you are hungry! Sessions run all day long, so make sure you take time to eat. We do break sessions for a midday lunch break, at which time there is limited programming—SIG meetings, pop up performances, and time to visit vendors.

Are meals included?

The Grand Opening includes a seated dinner, and the Grand Closing includes a reception dinner. All other meals are on your own.

Where can I purchase food?

There will be concessions available in the Upper West Foyer for Breakfast and Lunch most days. Friday will feature a Food Truck line up outside of the Convention Center! For a list of nearby restaurants, view our Things to Do In ABQ page linked in the Attendee App.

Attire and merchandise

What do I wear?

Whatever makes you feel comfortable! Most attendees wear dance-friendly clothing while attending conference sessions. Many attendees will dress up (cocktail attire) for the Grand Opening and Grand Closing, but this is not required.

Is there any conference swag for sale?

Yes! NDEO is selling a lot of great items this year! Our 2026 Synergy T-shirt, 2 different styles of sweatshirts, pairs of NDEO logo crew socks and stickers, and some NHSDA merch for you and your students. You can purchase them at the conference merch table!

HEALTH AND SAFETY

NDEO is committed to protecting all our members, especially those most vulnerable and/or those living or working with vulnerable individuals. Our organization strives to provide its members a safe and healthy conference experience.

Is masking required at conference?

While masking is not required, we do ask that any attendees experiencing any respiratory symptoms wear a high-quality mask while attending to help keep the community safe.

What is your vaccination policy?

NDEO strongly recommends that all attendees stay up to date on eligible vaccinations, especially those protecting against covid-19 and the seasonal flu.

What do I do if I test positive for covid-19 or flu?

If you have tested positive for covid-19 or the flu in the week before conference you may NOT attend conference until you receive a negative test result or are cleared by a medical professional. If you have a known close exposure to covid-19, the flu, or another contagious disease in the week before conference please test and confirm you are not sick before attending conference. If you are experiencing any symptoms of a possible infectious disease, please confirm with a medical professional that you are not contagious before attending the conference. If you are unable to attend the conference due to a contagious disease diagnosis, please contact conference@ndeo.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

I'd love to meet the NDEO Board and Advisory Council, how can I do that?

The Board and Advisory Council will have meet & greet sessions during the conference. Board and Advisory Council members would love to meet with attendees! Check the schedule for times and locations.

Do you have a lactation room?

Yes, there is a designated lactation room within the Women's Bathroom on the Lower Level of the Convention Center next to Anasazi. This room is fully enclosed with soft seating and a secured private entrance.

Do you have a gender neutral bathroom?

Yes, the bathroom is located in the Upper West foyer and will be designated as gender neutral. NDEO attendees are encouraged to use whichever restroom they are most comfortable with.

My family member is traveling with me, can they attend the session I'm presenting?

If you are a presenter who'd like to bring a non-registered guest to your session, please contact conference@ndeo.org for options. Please note that we cannot accommodate these requests onsite or after September 22th.

My family member is traveling with me, can they attend the Grand Opening or Grand Closing?

You can purchase an additional ticket for a guest to attend the Grand Opening or Grand Closing with you. Please contact conference@ndeo.org to purchase. The deadline for requests is September 22th.

POST-EVENT INFORMATION

I Need a CEU/COA. How do I obtain that document?

If you need a CEU/COA, NDEO will contact you after the event with information on how to confirm your number of sessions/hours attended and how you can print your certificate.