



Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

July 2022 Update

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BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR PAC-TE MEMBERSHIP

Did your PAC-TE membership expire on June 30? If your membership is through your college/university, ask your department leadership to renew its Institutional Membership with PAC-TE. If you have an Individual Membership, e.g. Retired, Student, or you are an individual who is not covered by an institutional membership, please renew your Individual Membership at the Individual Membership page.

PDE Updates

As a PAC-TE member you should know that the PAC-TE Government Relations Committee and members of the Executive Board advocate for matters relating to teacher certification. The biggest outcome this year is the recent waiver of the requirement for Basic Skills testing for entry into teacher education program.

Speaking directly about this waiver, Deputy Secretary Dr. Tanya Garcia said, "Thank you Dean Ward for speaking about the impact of Basic Skills testing on students trying to enter the profession. When you spoke on March 15, the legislators

ears were finally opened."

Act 55 of 2022 signed into law by Governor Wolf on July 8, 2022 requires the Secretary of Education to waive the requirement to satisfactorily complete the assessment of basic skills required under section 1207.3 and 22 Pa. Code § 49.18(c) (relating to assessment) for 3 years from July 8, 2022 through July 8, 2025. This applies to all students who enter preparation programs during this period as well as otherwise qualified candidates for licensure who make application during this period. For further information, go to PDE's [Information and Updates](#) site.

PDE also sent teacher education program leaders an email concerning listening sessions pertaining to Ch. 49. The text of that email contained the following statement:

"PDE is pleased to announce that your colleagues in the Chapter 49 Competency Working Groups worked very hard in June to prepare draft documents on the Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education, Professional Ethics, and Structured Literacy competencies.

We are now ready for the rest of the field to provide input during the regional listening sessions that begin next week and invite you to participate in them in-person or virtually:

- July 14, 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Listening Session at PATTAN Central
- July 21, 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Listening Session at PATTAN Pittsburgh
- July 28, 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Listening Session at PATTAN East"

We urge you to check with your program leaders to make sure that someone from your institution can attend of the the two remaining sessions. Reply to brunkle@pa.gov

Time to Nominate for Professional Achievement Awards

PAC-TE offers three Professional Achievement Awards to its members:

- Outstanding Dissertation Award
- Distinguished Research

Or, complete the online application.

Award recipients will be honored at the Fall TEA Awards Dinner.

Award

- Exemplary

Service/Partnership Award

Surely you know someone, even yourself, who deserves some recognition for their excellent work in one or more of these areas! To be considered, application materials must be received by August 1, 2022. Send the narrative and application forms electronically as separate PDF attachments to Gwen Price, Chair of the PAC-TE Honors and Awards Committee: gprice@pennwest.edu

Recipients will receive a one-year complimentary PAC-TE membership and the opportunity to present at the Fall TEA.

Please submit application materials according to the general instructions and the specific instructions for each award, found at www.pac-te.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3368

Please Nominate a Teacher Educator of the Year

Please suggest a worthy individual for the Teacher Educator of the Year Award. Go to the [nominations page](#) for more information. Nominations and required references are due September 30.

Call for PAC-TE Board Nominations -- Your chance to influence PAC-TE decisions and strategies

The Executive Director of PAC-TE is soliciting nominations for three seats on the Board of Directors. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in a position of leadership at the state level with colleagues from across Pennsylvania who are engaged in educator preparation. PAC-TE members may make nominations of others (with their consent), or they may self-nominate.

The following seats on the Board of Directors will be filled by election in the Fall of 2022. The terms for all three seats are three years and run from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2026.

- One seat for a representative of a Private institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation.
- One seat for a representative of a Public institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation. Our association bylaws stipulate that at least one of three public seats must be held by a representative from a PASSHE institution, and one must be held by a representative from a state-related institution. Since there is currently one Director from each type of public institution, the nominees may be from either PASSHE or a

state-related institution (Pitt, Penn State, Temple, or Lincoln).

- One seat for an At-Large representative. Candidates may come from any institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation.

Please email Dr. Price (gprice@pennwest.edu), PAC-TE Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee with any questions about the positions on the ballot. Nominations must be received by September 15, 2022.



Some of the topics:

- A Service-Learning Story of Assistance to Ukrainian Refugees
- “Keep Going”: Abolition as a North Star in Teacher Education
- The PDS leveled up: The Immersive District/College Teacher Pipeline
- Human essentials in an Online Course: Student Perspectives
- Building Relationships Between Mentor Teachers and Candidates: Using Vignettes to Promote Courageous Conversations
- Storytelling as a teaching tool to make the theoretical practical for preservice teachers
- Reimagining Inclusion: A Fresh New Look
- Transforming Pre-service Teacher Curricula to Meet the Needs of Twenty-First Century Schools
- Providing Students with a REAL Support System After Covid
- Student Teaching & Fieldwork for the Early Childhood Workforce: Exploring Barriers and Solutions to Competency-Based Programs
- Reimagining Preservice Special Education Teacher Field Experiences
- Unpacking Trauma Informed Practices
- Preparing for Implementation of

Fall Conference is Just Around the Corner

PAC-TE's biggest and most talked about event is just a few months away. The 51st annual TEA is set for face to face meetings at The Best Western Premier the Central Hotel and Convention Center, located in Harrisburg.

The dates are October 26 – 28, and the program contains a few new elements we hope you will enjoy, including a revamped Friday plan to connect us to PK–12 educators who have successfully partnered with teacher education programs and who have taken steps to transform their teaching practices to meet the needs of students. This rare opportunity to hear from successful teacher education grads is not to be missed—they represent our goal as teacher educators!

You will also have new opportunities to meet informally with peers to process what your are learning and collaborate at daily "Community of Practice" sessions, each of which will feature special refreshments for

Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education

Competencies: Your Expectations for a Community of Practice

- Fostering Critical Thinking and Cultural Competencies in First-Year College Students
- Teacher Preparation in the Age of the Endrew f. v. Douglas County School District Decision: Are there Implications?
- The Impact of a Media Literacy Module on Preservice Teachers' Media Literacy Knowledge and Confidence
- Can I Do It? Using a Developmental Model of Evaluation to Prioritize Pre-Service Teachers' Emotional Well-Being and Self-Efficacy
- Making Math: Preservice Teachers in the Makerspace
- Transforming Special Education Teacher Prep
- Centering Critical Vibes Through Community Immersion: A Mixed Methods Study of Early Grades Teacher Candidates' Critical Consciousness
- How to write a great conference proposal

you.

Registration is open now! We hope you can join your colleagues for fresh and engaging content focused on transforming teacher education in response to the challenges we face.

Click [here to register](#) or go to the PAC-TE webpage, Events Tab, and then Fall Registration.

See you at
the TEA!

Dates to Keep in Mind

July 15 – August 1 – nominations for Professional Achievement Awards

July 15 – September 15 – nominations for board positions

July 15 – September 30 – Teacher Educator of the Year Nominations

July 15 – Registration opens for Teacher Education Assembly (TEA)

October 26– 28, 2022 PAC-TE Teacher Education Assembly (in person), at Best Western Premier the Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

PAC-TE is a state unit of AACTE and ATE



AACTE and PAC-TE collaborate to strengthen their advocacy efforts, share experience and expertise, and expand their members' professional development opportunities. To this end, our Chapter's relationship with AACTE is a voluntary affiliation that allows us to advance our members' interests.



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