

Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

October 2022 Update

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Virtual Educator Roundtable

Join NCEE and Teach Plus PA for a virtual roundtable discussion with educators about teacher shortages:

- The scope and impact of teacher shortages
- Root causes and systemic factors affecting teacher recruitment & retention
- Policy solutions to address teacher shortages





Laura Boyce Executive Director Teach Plus PA





Monday, October 17th, 5-6:30 PM Register: bit.ly/PAEducatorRoundtable Teach Plus PA and NCEE are continuing the momentum from last month's #PANeedsTeachers Summit in Harrisburg with a virtual educator roundtable this October 17th. PAC-TE is in support of this effort and urges members to spread the word with educators in your network.

Fall Conference in Two Weeks

Conference Registration is Going On NOW

If you've put it off, here's your chance to visit our Fall Conference <u>page</u> to register for the Fall Conference, PAC-TE's Teacher Education Assembly (TEA).

Note: Presenters must register for the conference.

The dates are October 26–28, and the conference site is the same as last year--The Best Western Premier The Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg. Our sponsors this year include, AAQEP, ETS, PACEC, CASE, and CAEP.

PRICING:

Members: \$225 if you act **by October 25**. We will also accept walk-ins at the door for \$275.

Non-members: \$275 until October 25. Pay at the door \$300. Hint: If you renew your membership before you register, get the \$50 discount.

PROGRAM:

The Program Committee has planned an impressive package of worthwhile <u>sessions</u> for your benefit. 88 of your peers are taking part. The conference theme is *Breaking Through to Transform*--intended to guide us through the will, the plan, and the resources to face the changes that our profession faces.

Highlights:

- 3 new opportunities to meet with peers to consider and create in a special face to face place (with special refreshments)!
- Friday morning is worth sticking around for--a panel discussion with boots on the ground leaders from a school district that uses out of the box approaches

with colleges and other partners to bring a sense of community to every project they tackle. They truly are breaking through to transform. Come to listen; come to ask questions. Leave with hope.

- KEYNOTE: Elizabeth Raff, Pennsylvania's 2022 Teacher of the Year is proof that the work of teacher educators like you pays off. She will also have a "Fireside Chat" session to share thoughts in a more casual conversation.
- PDE will be with us for two general sessions. Be sure to come meet Secretary of Education Eric Hagarty on Thursday afternoon. Dr. Tanya Garcia will be with us on Wednesday afternoon, along with recently appointed Bureau Director Carissa Pokorny-Golden.
- This year we will have a larger number of *interactive* sessions, plus a number of *work-in-progress* sessions in which faculty share ongoing projects and seek feedback from the audience. Come find out what they're up to!
- PAC-TE Annual Meeting. Attend to learn the actions of your PAC-TE Board of Directors and cast a vote on PAC-TE business items.
- Meet the candidates running for PAC-TE Board of Directors open positions. New this year--the election opens during the conference so you can vote before you leave.
- Food. Wednesday attendees are invited to our dinner banquet and awards presentations. Thursday attendees enjoy a buffet luncheon after the PAC-TE Annual Meeting. Snack breaks and coffee are available throughout the day. And who can resist our traditional Dessert Buffet on Wednesday night! Note: Day of conference walk-in registrants cannot expect meals. Meal counts are given to the hotel a few days in advance, so be sure to register ahead of time.
- It's the event of the year for teacher educators. We're doing everything we can to make it worthwhile.

HOTEL ROOMS: You must contact the hotel directly at (717) 561–2800 to inquire about available rooms. Other hotels are nearby if the Best Western is full.

NOTE: Membership dues do not automatically register anyone for this conference. Conference attendance and payments are separate from

association membership. However, members do get a discount on the conference price.

AAAQEP Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation

TEA sponsored in part by AAQEP





TEA sponsored in part by ETS

Membership Help

The Executive Director receives numerous queries about membership. Read on for some reminders and tips.

- 1. Only members can register for meetings online. Each member has a distinct username (often your work email, but not always), and a password.
- 2. Our website password retrieval isn't user friendly--we are working on that. But you may contact our Executive Director for help at pacte.exec@gmail.com
- 3. Do not create a new account when you can't log in. See tip #2.
- 4. Monthly newsletters like this one are now archived on our website, so if you are hunting for information, try going to **Newsletters**.
- 5. Institutional membership renewal can be done online or over the phone. Please call our Executive Director if you need assistance. Do not create a new account.
- 6. Membership and conference registration are two separate things. One does not equal the other.
- 7. Just about every event, form, or resource PAC-TE has is further detailed on our **website**. Click on the various icons and tabs to explore. Use the Contact Us icon (upper right corner of home page) to send an inquiry.
- 8. PAC-TE will post jobs for its Institutional Members. Send a Word or PDF version with all the details (and a closing date for applications) to our Executive Driector at pacte.exec@gmail.com.
- 9. We are on Social Media. Check our Linked In, Facebook, and Instagram feeds. Share your news and questions there.



Do You Want to Influence PAC-TE's Programs and Policies?

PAC-TE offers members to serve on **Committees**. Our committees are always looking for members to assist with the decisionmaking and other responsibilities, so that our work represents the experiences and perspectives of our membership. Some of the committees we utilize are: Audit Committee Awards Committee Government Relations Committee Nominations and Elections Committee Journal Committee Professional Educator Certification Sponsorship Committee Spring Conference Planning Committee TEA (Fall Conference) Planning Committee

Serving on a PAC-TE Committee is an important way to contribute to the association's mission AND ensure that our association represents your views. Won't you consider joining a committee? Click here for more information.

Dates for your Calendar

October 26-28: Fall Conference (Teacher Education Assembly)

October 26 - November 30: Election for PAC-TE Board of Directors

March 22, 2023: Spring Conference (Virtual)

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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