



Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

September 2022 Update

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Catch Early Bird Pricing for Fall Conference

Conference Registration is Going On NOW

Please visit our [Fall Conference page](#) to register for the Fall Conference, PAC-TE's Teacher Education Assembly (TEA). NEW information is on that page, including the draft program schedule (subject to change). 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.

PRICING:

Members: Only \$175 if you act **before October 1**. Then, \$225 until October 25. Pay at the door \$275.

Non-members: \$275 until October 25. Pay at the door \$300.
Hint: If you renew your membership before you register, get the \$100 discount (before October 1, that is.)

PROGRAM:

The Program Committee has planned an impressive package of worthwhile sessions for your benefit. 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 breaking new ground with a first—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. 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 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.
- 40+ sessions presented by your peers! 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: A block of rooms (at a reduced rate) is being held for PAC-TE conference attendees. You must contact the hotel directly at (717) 561-2800 **before September 27**. After that date, any unreserved rooms will be released and the cost to reserve them after that date will revert to their customary price.

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.

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Help us Recruit NEW Graduate Student Leadership Team

PAC-TE is seeking applicants to serve on a newly established Graduate Student Leadership Team (GSLT) for a maximum of a 2-year period that they are enrolled as a graduate student.

This is a wonderful opportunity for graduate students enrolled in an Institution of Higher Education (IHE) to become involved in a position of leadership at the state level with fellow graduate students and professionals from across Pennsylvania who are engaged in educator preparation. Graduate Student Leadership Team members would have a range of opportunities to collaborate with current PAC-TE members and teacher education stakeholders across the state, attend and assist with annual fall and spring conferences, as well as develop their own professional network through connections made within PAC-TE.

Additional benefits of acceptance:

- free PAC-TE student membership for each year serving on the GSLT (maximum of 2 years)
- free registration to both the Fall Teacher Education Assembly and Spring Conference for each year serving on the GSLT (maximum of 2 years)

Responsibilities of those accepted:

- attend and assist with the fall Teacher Education Assembly (annual conference in late October)
 - Assistance during the conference may include, but is not limited to:
 - Serving as a presider for sessions
 - Assisting with technology/conference website/app
 - Co-facilitating a collaborative session with a PAC-TE committee or board member
 - Submit a 1-page Reflection at the conclusion
 - Additional opportunity to get involved with the planning committee throughout the year
- attend and assist with the one-day Spring Conference (mid-April)
 - Assistance during the conference may include, but is not limited to:
 - Serving as a presider for sessions
 - Co-facilitating a collaborative session with a PAC-TE committee or board member
 - Assisting with technology/conference website/app
 - Submit a 1-page Reflection at the conclusion
 - Additional opportunity to get involved with the planning committee throughout the year
- Participation in networking or collaborative opportunities presented to the GSLT throughout the year

Possible Renewal on GSLT for a 2nd year: Graduate Student Leadership Team members will have the option of continuing their membership for a second year, after a review by the Ad Hoc Graduate Student Leadership Committee on their level of engagement during the first year receiving the award.

If interested in apply for the Graduate Student Leadership Team, complete the following application via Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/bNqWP3deMdg8ZrrL8> by September 27, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

Please email Dr. Stephanie Gardner (sgardner@bloomu.edu) with any questions about this opportunity.



Nominate a Deserving Student for the Executive Directors' Scholarship

The PAC-TE Executive Director's Scholarship is an annually awarded scholarship honoring all past PAC-TE Executive Directors. The scholarship is to be awarded to a deserving undergraduate or graduate student pursuing teacher certification at a college or university in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who has a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The monetary amount of the scholarship is \$1000.00

Link to online nomination:
[Click here](#)

DEADLINE: September 30.

Presentation will be made at the Banquet

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. Members are invited to attend the annual Membership Meeting, held at the Fall Conference.
6. 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.
7. Membership and conference registration are two separate things. One does not equal the other.
8. 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.
9. PAC-TE will post jobs for you. Send a Word or PDF version with all the details (and a closing date for applications) to our Executive Director at pacte.exec@gmail.com.
10. 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 decision-making 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.

Call for Manuscripts for PAC-TE Journal Spring Issue manuscripts due September 20

The Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators publishes a peer-reviewed journal – the Pennsylvania Teacher Educator. Our journal is intended to provide PAC-TE members with a venue to capture current research that makes use of quantitative, qualitative, and/or mixed-methods approaches, as well as rigorous theoretical works that capture current research, advances, and changes in the emerging directions of teacher education. Publication decisions are made following a blind review process. For more information, [click here](#).

Dates for your Calendar

Now until 11:59 p.m. on September 27th: PAC-TE room block available 1st come, 1st served for accommodations at the Best Western Premiere for the Fall Conference

Now until October 1: Early bird registration for the Fall Conference. After that date, the price rises.

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

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

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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