

Title of Session: The National Pre-Service Teacher Resource Center

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Objective of Presentation: The objective of this session is to describe and obtain feedback from participants in relation to the development of an online National Pre-Service Teacher Resource Center.

Relationship to Conference Theme/Strands: Breaking Through to Transform

This innovative, online resource center will inspire future and current educators with rich and relevant resources. This comprehensive database of resources for pre-service teachers is innovative because there is nothing like it currently on the web. Additionally, the ATE Standard that directly aligns to my session topic is Standard 8: Teacher Education Profession. The standard description clearly highlights the importance of improving the teacher education profession by developing textbook or multimedia resources for use in teacher education. Specifically, artifacts listed as examples in Standard 8 include “textbooks and multimedia resources developed”. This session also aligns to that standard because of the new multimedia website resource being developed.

#### Abstract

The purpose of this session is to highlight and obtain feedback on the development of the NPSTRC. The target audience includes pre-service teachers, teacher educators, student teachers, supervisors, and seasoned teachers serving as cooperating teachers.

#### Session Description

Teacher educators spend countless hours creating robust online learning environments for their pre-service teachers in a variety of learning management systems. We model best practices in online teaching for our students by creating weekly modules filled with rich educational resources which include links to professional organizations, primary source resources, policy papers, etc. At the end of the semester our students lose access to their LMS pages (Canvas, Blackboard, Moodle, D2L, etc.) for their courses. Unless our students save the links to all of the resources in a special file to access during student teaching and in their first years as educators, they have lost a gold mine of resources. The purpose of this session is to highlight the development and launch of the National Pre-Service Teacher Resource Center. The target audience for the NPSTRC includes pre-service teachers, teacher educators, student teachers, new teacher induction program participants, student teacher supervisors, and seasoned teachers serving as cooperating teachers. The web domain has been purchased for this comprehensive database of resources at [www.pre-service.org](http://www.pre-service.org). This site is live, updated frequently and will serve PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade pre-service teachers and other professionals. The site is mobile friendly. In addition to a website, Instagram and Facebook pages have also been created. Participants will be asked to review the website and social media pages. In addition to obtaining feedback about the resource center, the presenter will invite participants who may be interested to serve on the Advisory Board for the online resource center. The advisory Board will be composed of content area experts.