

A photograph of a diverse group of people, mostly of African descent, sitting in an audience and looking towards the left. They are dressed in professional attire. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the foreground.

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AACTE

**American Association of Colleges
for Teacher Education**

WHY CHOOSE US?

AACTE is the nation's largest network of educator preparation providers. We connect you with thousands of like-minded colleagues to learn, grow, and effect change. We help you to become an active player in shaping the future of education, promote 21st-century teaching skills, advocate for public policies that benefit your work, support best practices and ethical standards in the profession, and participate in your professional community.

The Leading Voice on Educator Preparation

Member Benefits

MEMBER DISCOUNTS & INCENTIVES

AACTE membership is institutional—when an institution joins, all employees and students in the college of education have access to AACTE benefits. Members receive exclusive access to and free or discounted fees for a range of programs, events, products, and services, just a few of which are highlighted here. Explore these and other member initiatives, incentives, and opportunities on our web site at aacte.org.

1 | Government Relations & Advocacy

AACTE PROVIDES • a respected voice for the profession on Capitol Hill and in Washington, DC
• policy analysis, advocacy training and support
• resources for members engaging in advocacy at state and federal levels

• **DAY ON THE HILL** – AACTE’s premier advocacy event in Washington, DC provides members the opportunity to learn and expand their advocacy skills, train on how to work with members of Congress and their staff, and advocate for the profession.

• **ADVOCACY CENTER** – The AACTE Advocacy Center is the one-stop shop to support member advocacy at the state and federal levels. AACTE members can download advocacy guides, watch webinar recordings, and access links to resources on engagement with elected or appointed officials.

• **STATE POLICY TRACKER** – This interactive and searchable tool enables AACTE members and state chapter leaders to easily track legislative

and regulatory proposals in their states that affect educator preparation.

• MONTHLY FEDERAL UPDATE WEBINARS

– AACTE members have access to a monthly Federal Update webinar to stay up to date with what’s unfolding for the profession in Washington, DC as well as advocacy actions they can take.

• **KEY POLICYMAKER GUIDES** – Available in the AACTE Advocacy Center on aacte.org under the State Advocacy section, members can download a document listing the name and contact information for key policymakers in their states.

2 | Communications

AACTE PROVIDES • constant monitoring of state and national education-related news • ongoing updates on key professional issues • highly regarded journalism specific to the profession

• **JOURNAL OF TEACHER EDUCATION** – AACTE’s highly regarded, peer-reviewed journal on policy, practice, and research in teacher education is published 5 times a year. **Members receive complimentary digital access to JTE.**

• **ED PREP MATTERS** – AACTE’s blog provides timely news and insights on educator preparation. In addition to original content, the blog compiles key articles from a variety of sources through AACTE’s Twitter feed and shares AACTE members’ updates and achievements with the national education community and the public. **Members receive a 25% discount on mailing list rentals and advertising rates on Ed Prep Matters.**

• **SOCIAL MEDIA** – AACTE promotes immediate



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engagement on the latest events and news affecting educator preparation through social media, complementing our formal communications. AACTE currently has active profiles on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

- **VIDEO WALL** – The AACTE Video Wall offers an improved way for navigating video content, categorized into three main channels: Advocacy, Quality, and Partnerships. It showcases the Association's video series, event and interview recordings, and members' own work.

- **STATE DIRECTIONS** – The monthly e-newsletter from AACTE and the Advisory Council of State Representatives Executive Committee covers state news, policy trends, chapter events, and opportunities for engagement.

- **SCHOLARS REPORT** – The monthly e-newsletter from the Holmes Council updates AACTE Holmes Program participants on news, events, technical issues, and professional activities.

3 | Events & Training

AACTE PROVIDES • invaluable networking opportunities • one-of-a-kind professional development programs • timely, content-specific seminars and forums

Members receive special registration rates for all AACTE events, including a discount of over 25% on Annual Meeting registration.

- **ANNUAL MEETING** – The AACTE Annual Meeting is the nation's largest and most content-rich yearly convening of teacher educators. Each Annual Meeting is designed to have broad appeal and strategically address timely professional and policy issues. Event opportunities include a wide variety of sessions with leading speakers, networking opportunities, distinguished award presentations, and education-related exhibits.

- **WEBINARS** – AACTE provides convenient opportunities through online events that

allow for meaningful and productive interaction with peers and experts on important issues and topics without the cost and time of travel.

- **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** – The annual Leadership Academy is an indispensable learning opportunity for new or aspiring deans, department chairs, and academic administrators to hone their leadership skills and network with colleagues experiencing similar professional challenges. Attendees gain insights on how to effectively manage resources and programs, engage in hands-on sessions, and learn from top leaders in the field in an intimate setting.

- **STATE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** – This program brings together AACTE and ATE state chapter leaders from across the U.S. to share best practices that address challenges facing the profession in their states, augment chapters' capacity to be the voice of educator preparation at the state level, and to engage in professional development.

4 | Tools & Resources

AACTE PROVIDES • action to ensure quality teacher preparation • solutions to common professional challenges • leadership and guidance on key issues and practices

- **COLLEGES OF EDUCATION: A NATIONAL PORTRAIT** – This new members-only report provides a comprehensive picture of colleges of education: the work that they do, the people who do that work, and the students they serve.

- **RESOURCE LIBRARY** – AACTE's online Resource Library houses PowerPoint presentations, webinars, PDF files, videos, and

"As a new faculty member, I never realized the plethora of resources offered by AACTE. As I progressed in my career, I began to depend on the wealth of information provided by the organization such as the annual conference, webinars, *Journal of Teacher Education*, and Ed Prep Matters. Membership has afforded me the opportunity to engage in the profession on the national level and network with others interested in educator preparation. In my current role as department chair, I have become reliant on the organization to keep me apprised of the latest news and issues facing our profession."

- Loleta D. Sartin, Ph.D., Middle Georgia State University & AACTE Committee Chair on Membership Development and Capacity Building

Advocacy. Quality. Partnerships.

many other resources for download.

- **TEACHER PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS**

– AACTE partners with two major testing companies – Evaluation Systems of Pearson and the Educational Testing Service – to provide the latest resources to members for support with implementing edTPA and ETS performance assessments.

- **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** – Stay connected with peers through this members-only database that gives access to members based on location, research area of expertise, and institution.

- **ONLINE COMMUNITIES** – The online communities provide members with a broad collection of tools, content, practical resources, and a community of peers to solicit advice, receive mentoring, and engage in ongoing conversations.

5 | STUDENT RESOURCES

AACTE PROVIDES • easy-to-access job board •

career development opportunities • support for assessment and accreditation needs

- **HOLMES PROGRAM** – This expanded program now provides mentorship, peer support, and professional development opportunities at four levels: the AACTE Holmes Cadets Program supports high school students interested in a career in teaching, school administration, or the professoriate; the AACTE Holmes Honors Program supports undergraduates; the AACTE Holmes Master's Program supports master's students; and the AACTE Holmes Scholars® Program continues to support doctoral students. Serving students from historically underrepresented backgrounds, the program helps AACTE member institutions increase the diversity of their students and faculty by developing an outstanding pool of candidates.

- **CAREER CENTER** - The Career Center is designed to serve educators at all levels. Post a position, upload your resume, and learn how to ace the interview and make your resume stand out.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

AACTE has numerous volunteer opportunities, including serving on the Association's Board of Directors and standing committees.

SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

AACTE member faculty are encouraged to submit session proposals each spring for the following year's Annual Meeting.

SERVE AS A PEER REVIEWER

AACTE is always in need of experienced professionals to review session proposals for the Annual Meeting. Reviewers play a vital role by evaluating proposals for placement on the official conference program.

VOLUNTEER FOR BOARD OR COMMITTEE SERVICE

Any individual from an AACTE member institution is eligible to be selected for participation on our standing committees, and Chief and Institutional Representatives may apply for service on the Board. A call for volunteers is issued every March for service in the following year.

APPLY FOR AN AWARD

AACTE's annual awards program recognizes excellence in both member institutions

and individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of educator preparation. Nominations open in the spring for Writing and Research, Best Practice, and Professional Achievement Awards.

JOIN OR START A TOPICAL ACTION GROUP (TAG)

TAGs are AACTE's action-oriented study groups and provide a forum for individuals from AACTE member institutions drawn together by a common interest or purpose within the field of educator preparation. AACTE provides TAGs with operational funds, publicity, online meeting and administrative space, staff support, on-site meeting space for an annual business meeting in conjunction with the AACTE Annual Meeting, and the prestige of AACTE affiliation.

SUPPORT AACTE'S EFFORTS TO ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION

Sign up for AACTE's Action Alerts so that you can easily and quickly engage directly with your members of Congress on key issues as they arise. Attend the Federal Update webinars to stay engaged at the federal level and join your state chapter to further engage and advocate at the state level.