

MACTE September 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome to the MACTE Newsletter for the 2022-2023 academic year! This newsletter is sent once a month during the academic year to update the MACTE community about collaborative work, MACTE events, and information and opportunities relevant to teacher preparation in Minnesota.

MACTE Updates

Registration Fall MACTE Meeting & Collaboration

Save your seat today for the [October 27-28, 2022 Meeting and Collaboration!](#) This will be MACTE's only in-person conference this year and we hope that as many members as possible will join us! Registration is \$110/person per day. Oct 7, 2022 is the room block reservation deadline to guarantee the \$119 rate. When making reservations, please call IHG Central Reservations at 1-855-914-1303 or the Crowne Plaza hotel directly at 763-559-6600 and request the MACTE 2022 Fall Conference block to receive the discounted group rate. [Reservations may also be made online.](#)

Keeping with our [Due North Response plan](#), the focus of our conferences this year will be mental health. MACTE still has room for one or two more presentations from teacher educators that address this theme. Please consider submitting a proposal. Both practical and researched-based presentations are encouraged.

Fall Keynote Speaker Announced

MACTE is pleased to announce that Dr. Larry Bryant, Assistant Professor in the School of Urban Education at Metro State and MACTE Executive Committee member, will be our keynote speaker on Friday, October 28th. Larry will be discussing the criminalization of African American boys and mental health. Please join us in person at the Crowne Plaza for MACTE's fall conference. We are grateful to Larry for serving as our keynote speaker and look forward to learning from him!

MACTE to offer Teacher Educator Professional Development Opportunities

New unit rule requires that teacher educators receive “ongoing professional development opportunities related to the teacher educator's area of instruction focusing on research-based best practices.” MACTE is hoping to offer opportunities for this professional development to occur connected to our special interest groups, perhaps through reading groups or research conversations. The Thursday afternoon conference sessions on October 27 will offer a place to begin organizing this initiative. If you are interested in participating in these professional development groups but will not be able to attend the conference, please contact Krista Overby at mactecommunication@gmail.com to ensure that you are signed up for the special interest group associated with your area of instruction. After the conference, updates will be sent to the entire special interest group.

Elevate Teaching Project

PELSB has contracted Plum Blossom Strategy LLC, led by Dr. Rose Wan-Mui Chu who is working in partnership with Collectivity, led by Scott Cole and Shehla Mushtaq to launch an outreach campaign designed to elevate the teaching profession and actively recruit teachers, focusing specifically on individuals of color and of Indigenous descent. You can read more about the project, called the Action Network to Elevate Teaching (ANET) at <http://www.elevateteaching.us>.

ANET will be hosting a number of conversation circles in the coming months, including at the MACTE conference. The goals of an ANET circle are to:

- Provide participants with a healing and connecting space
- Develop participants' capacity to understand and make meaning of their friction points
- Foster agency and possibility among participants to be part of the solution
- Facilitate a more expansive mindset among participants about the teaching profession

MACTE has been working with ANET to help identify people who would like to participate in these circles. They are especially looking to MACTE to connect them to academic advisors, enrollment and recruitment professionals, teacher educators,

and other staff who support teacher candidates. If you have suggestions for people to invite to an ANET circle, please contact Zara@collectivity.coop. Circle participants will receive a \$30 gift card.

ANET will also be hosting a larger virtual convening for everyone interested in this project on November 2. Sign up [here](#) if you would like to attend.

Legislative Update

Support is needed during the next legislative session! Please email Laura (mactelegislativeiaison@gmail.com) if you are interested in collaborating. Many voices on how we prepare our future educators are going to be important in the 2023 session. We are anticipating a need for teacher educators to have a strong presence at committee hearings to share information with legislators about high quality teacher preparation programs in Minnesota. This could be meeting with legislators, providing written testimony, or speaking at committee hearings with the support of our legislative liaison, Laura Mogelson. There will be a heavy focus on how we train future teachers in the teaching of foundational literacy skills.

As a reminder, how teachers are prepared to teach reading was the focus of the MN Senate K-12 Education committee in the 2022 session, with both the House and the Senate discussing the science of reading. The argument is whether teacher preparation is doing enough in preparing teachers around structured literacy instruction and the 5 pillars of scientifically based reading instruction (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension).

With redistricting, House races, Senate races, and the Governor's race, the focus of our state government this summer and fall has been on the upcoming November election. The next session of the MN Legislature starts January 3, 2023. It will be a budget session with legislators grappling with financial decisions in the committees. The leadership and membership of the committees will be determined after the November election. The MACTE legislative priorities are being drafted by a MEC legislative committee and will be shared at the fall conference.

PELSB has a bill drafted and their next legislative committee meeting will be in mid-October to discuss the draft. Priority areas of their bill include: a teacher residency pilot program, supporting heritage language and culture educators, literacy, specific policies from previous years that remove barriers, and technical changes to increase operational excellence.

MACTE/Education Minnesota Course Adult Coaching Strategies Course has launched!

Last year, MACTE members worked with Education Minnesota to create an online training course that will meet the new PELSB rule requirement that cooperating teachers and supervisors complete professional development in coaching strategies for adult learners. <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/8705.1010/> Subpart 3. B.10. This training is now complete and ready for MACTE members to use with their cooperating teachers.

Please note: MACTE is offering this training to our members as a service. Using this course to meet this PELSB standard is not required. Units are free to develop their own training.

CTs who are members of Education Minnesota, should complete the Adult Coaching Strategies course on the Education Minnesota website- <https://meaonline.educationminnesota.org/catalog/courses/1333521>

CT's who are not union members can complete the course via a link offered through MACTE. Field coordinators can reach out to Krista Overby (mactecommunicaitons@gmail.com) for information about the link.

MACTE will be tracking the cooperating teachers who complete the training and making this list available to our members. Our goal is to lessen the burden on cooperating teachers by only having them complete the training once.

This training will also meet the requirement for supervisors, though we ask you to copy the course into your institution's learning management system or Qualtrics account, as MACTE doesn't have the resources to monitor both CT and supervisor completion.

If your unit has developed an adult coaching course and it has been approved by PELSB at a site visit, MACTE can add the names of teachers who have completed your course to our records. If you are interested in this option, please reach out to Krista Overby, MACTE's executive assistant (mactecommunication@gmail.com), for the template spreadsheet to gather training completion information.

AACTE Updates



Under this year's theme Innovation through Inspiration: Remembering the Past to Revolutionize the Future, join AACTE in celebrating 75 years of shaping the future of education at the 2023 Annual Meeting February 24 - 26 in Indianapolis. AACTE's Annual Meeting is where members come together to learn, grow, and effect change and innovation. [Register to beat the rate increase](#). Save 15% by December 31.

PELSB Updates

Rulemaking Update

On August 24th, a hearing was held before an administrative law judge (ALJ) about PELSB rulemaking project 4615, which includes proposed changes to the Standards of Effective Practice. The hearing was followed by a comment and rebuttal period. The Administrative law judge now has 30 days to complete the hearing report, unless an extension is ordered. The report will detail whether all or some of the proposed changes have been approved and whether the ALJ has additional suggestions for consideration.

If the ALJ disapproves all or some of the proposed rules, the Chief ALJ has an additional 10 days to review the rules and findings.

Resources

Minnesota districts focus on mental health, school climate early in new year | MPR News

Minnesota Coalition of Clinical Experience Coordinators Fall Conference

The annual Fall Minnesota Coalition of Clinical Education Coordinators (MCCEC) conference will take place at The College of St. Scholastica Somers Lounge on Friday, October 14 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you don't use Google for your calendar or simply need to add the event to your calendar, click [HERE](#). If you have questions, please contact statefieldcoordinators@d.umn.edu.



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