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**MACTE November 2023 Newsletter**

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Welcome to the MACTE Newsletter for the 2023-2024 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

### Save the Date: MACTE Winter and Spring Virtual Conference Dates Announced

MACTE will again be holding its Winter and Spring conferences online. The Winter conference and collaboration will take place on February 9, 2024. The spring conference is scheduled for April 5, 2024. We look forward to seeing you all on Zoom!

Registration for the Winter Conference is now open [on MACTE's webpage](#).

### Executive Director Search - MACTE Is Accepting Applications

MACTE is searching for an Executive Director to serve as the primary administrator of the organization and to work closely with the officers and Executive Council. The Executive Director will lead our collaborative efforts to advocate for MACTE members in response to state and national-level policy decisions affecting teacher preparation. A position description and search details can be found on the [MACTE website](#). Application materials are requested by December 15, 2023.

[Learn More About the Search](#)

## **Governor's Roundtable: Registered Teacher Apprenticeships**

Cari Maguire and Laura Mogelson represented MACTE at a convening called by the governor's office focused on registered teacher apprenticeships. The November 3rd roundtable event was attended by Education Commissioner, Willie Jett, Department of Labor and Industry Commissioner, Nicole Blissenbach, and numerous representatives from education organizations across the state. One main goal of the event was to determine the competencies for registered teacher apprenticeships in Minnesota. (A session seeking input on these competencies was held at our fall MACTE conference.) At the event, the decision was made that the newly adopted Standards of Effective Practice would serve as Minnesota's competencies for registered teacher apprenticeships. This decision was supported by MACTE and aligns with MACTE's position on these competencies.

## **MACTE Reading Methods Materials are now available!**

Last year, MACTE applied for and received a grant from National AACTE to develop materials to support the teaching of foundational reading methods, especially phonemic awareness and phonics. A small group of MACTE faculty have been working in collaboration with ServeMinnesota to prepare classroom videos and supporting learning materials. These materials are now available on the MACTE website, under the [institutional members area](#). A password is needed to view the videos. Information about how to obtain the password is included on the webpage. Contact Cari Maguire ([maguire@umn.edu](mailto:maguire@umn.edu)) with questions about these materials or with suggestions for additional resources to include on the page.

## **Social and Emotional Learning Support Materials Available on MDE Website**

[Sabrina Winkelman](#), MACTE's fall keynote speaker, developed a suite of materials while working with the Minnesota Department of Education focused on Social and Emotional Learning. The resources are meant to help develop educator knowledge and skill in implementing SEL and can be used with teacher candidates. MACTE's strategic plan includes a commitment to address Social and Emotional Learning in our teacher education programs.

Resources include:

- [SEL Implementation Guide](#)
- [SEL Learning Modules](#)
- [SEL/SEP alignment toolkit](#)

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## **Legislative Updates**

### **Looking ahead to the 2024 Legislative Session**

The 2024 legislative session is scheduled to begin February 12, 2024. MACTE has five priorities we are advocating for this session. The full list of priorities and details are available on this [document](#) and on these [slides](#). Priorities include:

1. Increase Minnesota teacher diversity through higher education investments
  2. Paid student teaching to address Minnesota teacher shortages
  3. Special education teacher preparation and the tiered licensure system
  4. Maintain high quality standards for teachers, including teachers of reading
  5. Reading and teacher preparation
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## AACTE Updates

### **EdPrep Matters Blog: Department of Education, State and Local Organizations Commit to Bolstering Access to Mental Health Supports for Students**

The U.S. Department of Education, National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), National Association of Counties (NACo), and U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) released the following joint statement to advance their unified commitment to bolster mental health supports for students:

“Nationwide, students continue to struggle with mental health challenges. The pandemic’s unprecedented disruptions in their school and social lives exacerbated rates of depression, anxiety, and feelings of hopelessness that were already on the rise. From classrooms to Congress, we all have a role to play in meeting this urgent need. [Continue Reading](#).”

### **AACTE Policy & Advocacy**

AACTE is the voice of U.S. educator preparation and maintains a constant presence on Capitol Hill to influence federal policies and funding on behalf of the profession. Learn all about the educator preparation issues at the [state](#) and [federal](#) level as well as how to [get involved and have your voice heard](#).

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## PELSB Updates

## **PELSB will host Meet PELSB!-Fall 2023 on November 30th, 4:30 – 5:30pm**

This webinar is ideal for student teaching candidates with questions about what the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board is and what the agency does. We encourage participants to email their questions to [Tyra.Reck@state.mn.us](mailto:Tyra.Reck@state.mn.us) in advance. Join by clicking [here](#) or by copying the link below in your browser: <https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=m5c09b6a26ff1aef33231f91a310a377>

Webinar number: 2483 382 3399

Webinar password: MeetPELSB!2023 (63387357 from phones and video systems)

Join by phone: +1-415-655-0003 United States Toll

Access code: 248 338 23399

## **Unit Approval Guidance Updates**

There has been a delay in preparing the updated guidance documents mentioned below. Please expect to receive notification of these updates by the start of the new year. As a reminder, the following unit approval guidance documents will be updated and added to the [Teacher Preparation Manual](#) in the Appendix or Links section. If you have questions or need guidance prior to the updates, please email [Tyra.Reck@state.mn.us](mailto:Tyra.Reck@state.mn.us).

- Teacher Educator Qualifications Sample Document
- Sample Reviewer Questions and Evidence Grid
- Guidance and schedule for the Unit Report on Continuous Improvement (URCI)

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## **Resources and Opportunities**

### **Join the Common Metrics Project**

The UMN-TC's Office of Teacher Education continues to support MN Education Program Providers by centralizing the administration of the Common Metrics assessments. These surveys help EPPs attain reliable, valid data from the

perspective of student teachers, first-year teachers, and employers. EPPs involved have access to aggregate data and individual results for use in decision making related to continuous improvement and accreditation reporting. Please [see their PDF for more information](#) about joining and how to contact us.

## MACTE Job Board

Promote your openings on the [MACTE Job Board](#). Contact [mactecommunication@gmail.com](mailto:mactecommunication@gmail.com) for more information.

## Three Virtual Job Fairs for Current and Aspiring Minnesota Educators

Meet 1-on-1 in private conversations with principals and directors from districts and public charter schools across the state. Get answers from dozens of potential employers in one afternoon. All current and aspiring Minnesota educators are welcome. Attendance is free. Registered candidates will have access to licensing support and career guidance from hiring professionals. [Educators, save the date](#). Teacher educators, download the [print flier](#) or [digital flier](#). Email [support@mnschooljobs.org](mailto:support@mnschooljobs.org) to receive free printed copies.

Three online events available and hosted by MinnesotaSchoolJobs.org:

- Wednesday, February 21st, 2024, 3:00 to 6:00pm
- Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, 3:00 to 6:00pm
- Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, 3:00 to 6:00pm

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