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September 2024 Newsletter

The Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) publishes a newsletter monthly during the academic year. MACTE members with information or opportunities of interest to the broader teacher education community are invited to submit items for the newsletter. Please contact mactecommunication@gmail.com for more information.

MACTE Updates

MACTE Fall Conference is October 24-25 at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth

The Fall Meeting and Conference will be MACTE's only in-person event this year. We hope that as many members as possible will join us at the Crowne Plaza for accreditation updates, professional learning, and networking.

This fall our conference will include many important and helpful topics. The schedule will include:

- Focus on funding opportunities in Minnesota provided by recent legislation.
- PELSB updates
- Peer support for SEP proposals and Self-Study preparation
- Updates from Elevate Teaching, Minnesota's Teacher Marketing and Outreach Campaign
- Updates on the paid student teaching pilot and conversations about legislative advocacy for universal paid student teaching.
- Breakout Sessions on teacher preparation for reading, culturally relevant and sustaining practices, and program accountability work
- Role-alike and special interest groups
- Focused time for networking and collaboration with teacher preparation colleagues

Come get updates on all things teacher preparation related and build connections with your colleagues across Minnesota!

Registration is \$110/person per day. A room block is available at a discounted \$122 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 2024 Fall Conference** block to receive the discounted group rate. The cut off date is October 4, 2024.

Register for the Fall Conference

Save the Dates - Winter and Spring Virtual Conferences

MACTE will again be holding its Winter and Spring conferences online. The [Winter Conference and collaboration will take place on February 7, 2025](#). The [Spring Conference is scheduled for April 4, 2025](#). We look forward to seeing you all on Zoom!

MACTE Efforts to Support Teacher Preparation Programs in Reading

Materials for Reading Methods: Last year, MACTE faculty worked in collaboration with ServeMinnesota to prepare classroom videos and other learning materials to support reading methods instructors. These materials are available on the [MACTE website](#). A password is needed to view the videos. Information about how to obtain the password is included on the webpage. MACTE plans to continue to add materials for reading methods support throughout the year.

Rubric for Ongoing Program Evaluation: Once the PELSB reading audits have been completed, an ongoing reading program

accountability process will be needed. MACTE literacy faculty have been working with PELSB board member Lucy Payne to create a process that we will be proposing to PELSB. This process proposal will be discussed at the fall reading role alike session. We hope to have robust attendance at this session from MACTE literacy faculty.

MNSchoolJobs.org Launches as the Statewide Job Board for Teachers

MNSchoolJobs.org has received official recognition from PELSB as Minnesota's designated statewide job board. This recognition underscores the site's position as the primary source for education jobs in Minnesota. Teacher preparation programs should be aware that this official designation has happened and can share this site with teacher candidates as a part of their job search

Teachers entering the field can discover and be alerted to vacancies matching their license area and location interest. Daily updates from over 400 public districts and charter schools across the state will support candidates' job search.

Candidates can access the site at <https://mnschooljobs.org>.

MNSchoolJobs.org is a sponsor of the MACTE fall conference and will be at the Crowne Plaza to connect with Teacher Preparation Providers at the conference about the job search website and future opportunities for career fair participation.

Teacher Preparation for New Personal Finance Course Requirement

During the 2023 Legislative Session, a graduation requirement for personal finance was passed into law. The law requires that all Minnesota high school students, beginning with the class entering 9th grade in 2024, take a course for credit in personal finance in order to graduate. Licensure in agricultural education, business, family and consumer science, social studies, and math will qualify a teacher to teach these new courses.

MACTE encourages teacher preparation units with these licensure areas to consider how they are supporting pre-service teachers to be ready for the new personal finance duties of these licenses.

For several years, the Minnesota Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has collaborated with social studies methods instructors and professors across Minnesota who have invited MCEE into their classrooms to share strategies and resources for teaching economics standards and benchmarks to their students. Now that Minnesota has a personal finance graduation requirement, MCEE aims to effectively reach professors and instructors to offer support in sharing strategies and resources for teaching personal finance.

If you are interested in collaborating with MCEE to support your agricultural education, business, family and consumer science, social studies, or math to teach the newly required personal finance courses, please reach out to Colleen Gray at grayc@umn.edu.

Legislative Updates

Looking Ahead to the 2025 Session

The 2025 session is going to be a budget year. Action at the legislature will be heavily influenced by the outcome of the election. All 134 seats in the Minnesota House of Representatives are up for election in 2024. Over the summer, Laura Mogelson (legislative liaison) and MEC identified the following [priorities](#) for the 2025 legislative session:

- Address teacher shortages
- Paid student teaching
- Maintain high quality standards for teacher preparation
- Reading and teacher preparation

AACTE Updates

2025 Annual Meeting Registration is Open

[Beyond the Horizon: Charting the Course for Educator Preparation](#)

aligns the AACTE 2025 Annual Meeting with the association's vision and mission to revolutionize education for all learners by elevating education and educator preparation through research, professional practice, advocacy, and collaboration. Representing the institutions and programs that prepare the greatest number of professional educators in the United States and its territories, and in partnership with international colleague organizations, AACTE is the incubator for bold ideas and new discoveries to drive impactful applications based on evidence-based reasoning.

PELSB Updates

Fall 2024 Educator Rulemaking

PELSB is crafting a comprehensive rulemaking project that will include the following:

- Components for the new American Indian History and Culture Relicensure requirement.
- Portfolio Streamlining: The Board is working on a number of changes to the rule governing licensure via portfolio to make the process clearer and faster for both initial Tier 3 applicants and those adding a licensure field to an existing Tier 3 or Tier 4 license.
- New Licensure Areas: The Board seeks to adopt state workgroup findings and/or national organization standards for licensure in Computer Science, Early Childhood Education, and Ethnic Studies.

PELSB will be putting out a request for comments soon.

School Counseling Programs and Licensure

PELSB is considering changes to how it approves Minnesota-based school counseling programs. Specifically, PELSB is considering whether to require these programs to hold accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) rather than require these programs to obtain state approval through PELSB by meeting state-specific standards.

Please see the [R4703 School Counseling Programs and Licensure page](#) for more information and the latest updates.

Resources

Free Literacy Webinar - October 9 - "The Writing Rope" with Joan Sedita

Every fall, the Higher Education Literacy Partnership hosts a free webinar. This year, educator Joan Sedita will clearly identify the skills and strategies needed for proficient writing and show how integrated reading and writing instruction support reading comprehension, improve students' writing ability, and help students learn content from all subjects.

This free webinar will be held on Oct. 9th at 4:00. More information about this webinar and registration can be found at this [link](#).

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