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## SPRING 2025 TACTE CONFERENCE AGENDA



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**February 10, 2025  
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Monday ♦ February 10, 2025

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The main room will be open and monitored all day, including breaks, if you have questions or need a link to get to a breakout session

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Session	TACTE Welcome - Dr. Sharen Cypress, President  Dr. Robyn Ridgley, President-Elect	
9:15 – 9:30	Commissioner’s Update	Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Tennessee Department of Education	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81248901411?pwd=ULsJWvNIJabZmpnEUcZtSRI9ovb5Ve.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81248901411?pwd=ULsJWvNIJabZmpnEUcZtSRI9ovb5Ve.1</a>
9:30 – 9:45	Advocacy Update	Dr. James McIntyre, Dean of the College of Education and Associate Provost for Academic Excellence, Belmont University	
9:45 - 10:00	<b>BREAK</b>		
Regional and Affiliate Sessions 10:00 – 10:45	West Tennessee	Sandra Cooley-Nichols, West TN Representative	<a href="https://bit.ly/3QaPWUy">https://bit.ly/3QaPWUy</a>  Meeting ID: 238 635 248 196 Passcode: fR3Ge7UG
	Middle Tennessee	Megan Parker Peters, Middle TN Representative	<a href="https://lipscomb.zoom.us/j/82058882567">https://lipscomb.zoom.us/j/82058882567</a>
	East Tennessee	Miriam Stroder, East TN Representative	<a href="https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89179656958">https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89179656958</a>

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	<b>Community Colleges</b>	Stacie Bradshaw, Community College Representative	<a href="https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/87271312878">https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/87271312878</a>
<b>10:45 – 11:00 BREAK</b>			
<b>Breakout 1 11:00 – 11:45</b>	<p><b>Panel Presentation: Empowering Aspiring Teachers Through Targeted Coaching and Support</b></p> <p>Discover how educator preparation programs are leveraging the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching's Aspiring Teacher Rubric to transform teacher preparation. This session showcases practical applications, success stories, and collaborative strategies for coaching and supporting aspiring teachers to enhance classroom readiness, instructional effectiveness, and student outcomes.</p>	<p><b>Lead Presenter:</b> Patti Cruz, Senior Director of Services: National Institute for Excellence in Teaching</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Lisa Barron, Dean: Austin Peay State University</p> <p>Lori Allen, Coordinator of Continuous Improvement: Austin Peay State University</p> <p>Amy Brown, Director of the Office of Teacher Education: Tennessee Tech University</p> <p>Susan Collins, Placement Coordinator: Tennessee Tech University</p>	<p><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87317913958">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87317913958</a></p>
	<p><b>Harnessing Insights: Utilizing ETS Data Manager</b></p> <p>Dive into ETS Data Manager, designed to support educator preparation continuous improvement efforts. This presentation highlights how ETS Data Manager provides comprehensive insights, facilitates reporting, and supports complex data analyses to enhance educational outcomes. Additionally, stay informed with the latest ETS updates to keep your programs ahead of the curve.</p>	<p>Lisa Colon Durham, Director, Educational Partnerships, Educational Testing Services</p> <p>Jason Dietrich, Director Educational Partnerships, ETS</p>	<p><a href="https://bit.ly/4hPK12H">https://bit.ly/4hPK12H</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 261 565 622 551 Passcode: sT9qz7R6</p>
	<p><b>LEA-based EPPs - Q&amp;A Session</b></p> <p>This interactive session is for faculty and staff of (prospective) LEA-based EPPs who want to collaborate around best practices and share insights from 'lessons learned'. Online tools and helpful documents can be shared</p>	<p>Ulla Carr, Knox County Schools EPP Supervisor</p>	<p><a href="https://bit.ly/3Eu5TCw">https://bit.ly/3Eu5TCw</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 241 064 439 441 Passcode: MQ2qx6Mx</p>

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	amongst the group. Feel free to come with your questions!		
	<b>CAEP Update</b>	Dr. Malina Monaco, Senior Vice President of Accreditation, Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation	<a href="https://caepnet.zoom.us/j/85083935063?pwd=kyVmrCK30CQOxISZCeL7IN8yqFaF90.1">https://caepnet.zoom.us/j/85083935063?pwd=kyVmrCK30CQOxISZCeL7IN8yqFaF90.1</a>
	<b>SCORE: Future Teacher Scholarship Updates and Opportunities for AI</b>	Amanda Glover, Senior Policy Analyst, SCORE	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86371431008?pwd=V59FcgQx2b7f5KR3A4rBTiftDBtEUU.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86371431008?pwd=V59FcgQx2b7f5KR3A4rBTiftDBtEUU.1</a>
	<b>AAQEP</b>	Sungti Hsu, Chief Relationship Officer, AAQEP	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86769342793?pwd=AWQg2WHwuyfr9aX3Aq3HfgEqVAnYez.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86769342793?pwd=AWQg2WHwuyfr9aX3Aq3HfgEqVAnYez.1</a>
<b>11:45 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH and Business Meeting</b> <b>12:00 - 12:45</b> <a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Zoom Room</a>		
<b>1:00 – 2:15</b>	Tennessee Department of Education Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation Update  Tennessee State Board of Education Update		<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81248901411?pwd=UlsjWvNjIabZmpnEUcZtSRI9ovb5Ve.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81248901411?pwd=UlsjWvNjIabZmpnEUcZtSRI9ovb5Ve.1</a>
<b>2:15 – 2:25</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		
<b>Breakout 2</b> <b>2:25 – 3:10</b>	<b>TVAAS and AI: Together at Last!</b>  This presentation explores two innovative approaches by the University of Tennessee to support accreditation efforts. First, we demonstrate how AI facilitates efficient accreditation data analysis. Second, we showcase strategies for organizing and analyzing TVAAS data alongside other educator preparation effectiveness measures, ensuring alignment with state and national accreditation standards.	Dr. Amelia Brown, Director of Professional Licensure, University of Tennessee Knoxville  Dr. Amanda Zeller, School Programs Facilitator, University of Tennessee Knoxville	<a href="https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/2420457918">https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/2420457918</a>

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	<p><b>edTPA Tips: Preparing Candidates for Success through Thoughtful Guidance and Strategic Support</b></p> <p>Learn practical strategies to support candidates in achieving edTPA success on their first submission. This session explores key elements of Planning, Instruction, and Assessment while providing actionable tips for the EPP's clinical team, mentor teachers, and supervisors. Attendees will gain insights and strategies to enhance candidate readiness and improve educator preparation program outcomes.</p>	<p>Dr. Darcie C. Finch, MNUTR Director and Assistant Professor, Belmont University</p>	<p><a href="https://bit.ly/4gvyVPp">https://bit.ly/4gvyVPp</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 229 240 225 730 Passcode: jB2Qq73z</p>
	<p><b>The Development of a Job Embedded Portfolio and Rubric</b></p> <p>Presenters describe the process used by an EPP in the development of a Job-Embedded Teacher Portfolio Assessment which parallels the Pearson edTPA portfolio yet meets the needs of the EPP, the TDOE, and serves as a capstone for JE licensed teachers. Presenters will discuss the related training and inter-rater agreement process.</p>	<p>Dr. Jason Gordon, Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Chattanooga</p>	<p><a href="https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/85831252455">https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/85831252455</a></p>
	<p><b>CAEP Update</b></p>	<p>Dr. Malina Monaco, Senior Vice President of Accreditation, Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation</p>	<p><a href="https://caepnet.zoom.us/j/85083935063?pwd=kyVmrCK3O0CQxISZCcl7IN8yqFaF90.1">https://caepnet.zoom.us/j/85083935063?pwd=kyVmrCK3O0CQxISZCcl7IN8yqFaF90.1</a></p>
	<p><b>AAQEP Update</b></p>	<p>Sungti Hsu, Chief Relationship Officer, AAQEP</p>	<p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82476152661?pwd=2Wtw3zUIE0pZlY8OX0kBXIDJrGxMiEs.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82476152661?pwd=2Wtw3zUIE0pZlY8OX0kBXIDJrGxMiEs.1</a></p>
	<p><b>Navigating the Modern Teacher Hiring Landscape: Tools for Educator Prep Programs and District HR Leaders</b></p>	<p>Lauren Dachille, Founder and CEO, <a href="#">Nimble</a></p> <p>Krista Pfeiffer, Teacher Marketing Manager, <a href="#">Nimble</a></p>	<p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88927876423?pwd=KWa3egncl1lWqMQHbHf4DCRLxhkrcEm.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88927876423?pwd=KWa3egncl1lWqMQHbHf4DCRLxhkrcEm.1</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 889 2787 6423 Passcode: 063187</p>
<p><b>3:10 – 3:20</b></p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>		

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<b>Breakout 3 3:20 – 4:05</b>	<b>Deans/Chairs/Directors</b>	<p>Dr. Robyn Ridgley, TACTE President-Elect, Associate Dean, College of Education, Middle Tennessee State University</p> <p>Dr. Sharen Cypress, TACTE President, Dean, College of Education &amp; Behavioral Sciences, Freed-Hardeman University</p>	<p><a href="https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/84239652012">https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/84239652012</a></p>
	<b>Certification/Licensing Officers</b>	<p>Amanda Van Doorn, Director of Teacher Licensure, Vanderbilt University</p> <p>Jessie Gold, Director of Educator Licensure, Tennessee Department of Education</p>	<p><a href="https://vanderbilt.zoom.us/j/97642314829?pwd=FvhgjVJaiXkkbOPWMJke8flqVNjaht.1">https://vanderbilt.zoom.us/j/97642314829?pwd=FvhgjVJaiXkkbOPWMJke8flqVNjaht.1</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 976 4231 4829</p> <p>Passcode: 165715</p>
	<b>Instructional/Educational Leadership</b>	<p>Dr. Tavia McLeod, Director of Administrative Licensure Programs, Trevecca Nazarene University</p>	<p><a href="https://trevecca-edu.zoom.us/j/91707996302?pwd=09r5uVb6mqRtO4T7ZaM1lJJsIU9pb.1">https://trevecca-edu.zoom.us/j/91707996302?pwd=09r5uVb6mqRtO4T7ZaM1lJJsIU9pb.1</a></p>
	<b>Faculty (Non-Staff/Non-Administrative Role)</b>	<p>Dr. Jeremy Wendt, Professor and Chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Tennessee Tech University</p>	<p><a href="https://tntech.zoom.us/j/86916039907?pwd=TU4qJYa2Tq3T0cXMBIgyvZLKPKOyfr.1">https://tntech.zoom.us/j/86916039907?pwd=TU4qJYa2Tq3T0cXMBIgyvZLKPKOyfr.1</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 869 1603 9907</p> <p>Passcode: 347701</p>
<b>4:05 – 4:15 BREAK</b>			
<b>Breakout 4 4:15 - 5:00</b>	<b>Accreditation/Assessment Coordinator</b>	<p>Dr. Amelia Brown, Director, Office of Professional Licensure, University of Tennessee at Knoxville</p>	<p><a href="https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/2420457918">https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/2420457918</a></p>
	<b>Job-Embedded</b>	<p>Dr. Shane Brown, Director of Teacher Education, Field Experiences, &amp; Certification, Lee University</p> <p>Kimily Dement, Assistant Director, Office of Teacher Education, Tennessee Tech University</p>	<p><a href="https://bit.ly/416mncQ">https://bit.ly/416mncQ</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 297 244 729 946</p> <p>Passcode: Gd9oP3pa</p>

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	Literacy	Dr. Annie Insana, Director of Clinical Practice and Assistant Professor, Belmont University  Lori Farley, Manager of EPP Literacy, TN Department of Education	<a href="https://bit.ly/3EpDxt0">https://bit.ly/3EpDxt0</a>  Meeting ID: 241 357 553 15  Passcode: BD78xq9o
	edTPA	Dr. Darcie C. Finch, MNUTR Director and Assistant Professor, Belmont University	<a href="https://bit.ly/4gvyVPp">https://bit.ly/4gvyVPp</a>  Meeting ID: 229 240 225 730  Passcode: jB2Qq73z
	Clinical Experience	Melessia Mathis, Director for Clinical Experiences, Union University	<a href="https://bit.ly/4jMbJiS">https://bit.ly/4jMbJiS</a>  Meeting ID: 251 952 058 988  Passcode: RU6aU2rH

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# BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 10, 2025 ◊ 12:00 – 12:45

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AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKERS
Call to Order	Sharen Cypress, President
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Approval of <a href="#">Fall 2024 Minutes</a>	Annie Insana, Secretary
Treasurer’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">2024 Summary</a></li> <li>● 2025 Budget Proposal</li> </ul>	Chris Brown, Treasurer
Business Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fall 2025 In-Person Conference               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sept 8-9, 2025 at Franklin Marriott Cool Springs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Sharen Cypress, President
What’s Left for Today?	Sharen Cypress, President
Adjourn	

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