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FALL 2023 TACTE CONFERENCE AGENDA

The Power, Purpose, and Promise of Teaching

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*September 11-12, 2023
Cool Springs Marriott
Franklin, TN*



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Monday ♦ September 11, 2023

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TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
8:30 – 10:00	Registration	Clinton Smith and Chris Brown	Main Room (Salon 5/6)
10:00 – 10:15	Opening Session Sponsored by 	TACTE Welcome - Drs. David Cihak, President & Sharen Cypress, President-Elect	
10:15 – 11:00	Tennessee Teacher Retention Listening Tour Findings Overview	Chelsea Crawford, Tennessee Department of Education, Chief of Staff	
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK		
Sponsor Breakout 11:15 – 12:00 (See Abstract for details)	Praxis Updates and Resources	Nicholas Bellack, Director, Educational Partnerships, Educational Testing Service (ETS)	Main Room (Salon 5/6)
	Enroll, Retain & Graduate: Supporting Teacher Candidates Toward Passing Their Licensure Exams	Dr. Jason Ampel, the Learning Liaisons	Franklin
	A Praxis Partnership with Guaranteed Success	Nacole Whittington and Robert Parker, 240Tutoring	Williamson
	Meet Tevera: the software that unlocks program insights, accelerates student growth, and delivers value for all program stakeholders.	David Zimmerman, Account Executive, Tevera	Salon 1
	Innovative Support for Candidates: Passing State Certification Tests	Bailey Reilly, Manager, Curriculum & Instruction, Passage Preparation	Salon 2
	Using Their "Why" to Support Them on Their Professional Journey	Tommie Leaders and Beth Brown, Tennessee Education Association (TNEA)	Salon 3
	edTPA Updates and Resource Overview	Dr. Tracie Vegh, Senior Educational Consultant and Dr. Lori Kroeger, Senior Director, Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson	Salon 4
	Online Learning Modules for EPP's	Dr. Jared Bigham, myCredential	Arabian
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH Sponsored by ETS & BUSINESS MEETING (see insert)		

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Breakout 1 1:00 – 1:45 (See Abstract for details)	Elevating the Power and Purpose of Partnership to Implement HQIM within Preparation	Drs. Annie Insana, Rachael Flynn, Belmont University & Kendra Bush, Metro Nashville Public Schools	Salon 1
	Stepping Back into the Classroom: A Sabbatical Model	Dr. Nikki Votaw, Johnson University & Ashley Davis, Knox County Schools' Bonny Kate Elementary School	Salon 2
	Supporting Culturally Inclusive and Restorative Practice While Addressing Disparities in School Discipline	Drs. Jason Gordon, Jennifer Lynberg, & Kim Wingate, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga	Salon 3
	What We Did and What We Do: Case Studies of Successful Accreditation and Continuous Improvement	Drs. Megan Parker Peters, Lipscomb University, David Cihak & Amelia Brown, University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Salon 4
	Tennessee Comprehensive Review: Handbooks & Rubrics Updates	Dr. Jennifer Nelson & Alisha Hill, Tennessee Department of Education Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation	Franklin
	The Power of Information Literacy Curriculum in Clinical Experiences	Drs. Shannon Harmon, & Jordan Nielsen, Middle Tennessee State University	Williamson
1:45 – 2:00	BREAK		
Breakout 2 2:00 – 2:45 (See Abstract for details)	Celebrating the Checkpoints on the Journey to a Teaching License	Drs. Donna Watson & Angie Baker, King University	Salon 1
	NIET Aspiring Teacher Rubric: A Valid and Reliable Tool to Measure Aspiring Teacher Instruction	Drs. Amy Wooten, National Institute for Excellence in Teaching, Leslie Cowell, Lipscomb University, Amy Brown & Jeremy Wendt, Tennessee Technological University	Salon 2
	Let's Talk About Racism: Fostering Conversations about Educational Issues	Dr. Beau Whitsett, Tennessee Wesleyan University	Salon 3
	Podcasting as Assessment... and Beyond	Dr. Ronda Blevins, Carson-Newman University	Salon 4
	Tennessee Comprehensive Review: Handbooks & Rubrics Updates	Drs. Jennifer Nelson & Alisha Hill, Tennessee Department of Education Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation	Franklin
	Building Social and Emotional Learning Through Literacy: Encouraging Student Voice	Dr. Kristyn Mayberry, Lane College	Williamson
	The Power of Supporting Students	Drs. Aundrea McFall & Karen Sewell, Freed-Hardeman University	Arabian
2:45 – 3:00	BREAK		

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
3:00 – 3:45	Tennessee Department of Education Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation Update	Drs. Jennifer Nelson, Alisha Hill, and Jessie Gold, Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation, TDOE	Main Room (Salon 5/6)
3:45 – 3:50	BREAK		
3:50 – 4:25	Leveraging the CAEP Accreditation Process to Address Preparation Gaps and Improve P-12 Outcomes	Drs. Malina Monaco, Senior Vice President for Accreditation, CAEP, & Jennifer Nelson, Senior Director of Educator Preparation, TDOE	Main Room (Salon 5/6)
4:20 – 4:30	BREAK		
4:30 – 5:00	Commissioner Reynolds	Welcoming Remarks	Main Room (Salon 5/6)

View the abstracts for breakout sessions here:




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TIME	SESSION	LEADERS	LOCATION
7:30 – 8:30	Advocacy Group	Jim McIntyre, Advocacy Coordinator	Arabian
7:30 – 8:30	Survey Group	Cindy Lang, David Cihak & Laura Booker, Tennessee Education Research Alliance (TERA), Executive Director. “Responses from the early career branch (completer data) of the 2023 Tennessee Educator Survey.”	Franklin
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast Sponsored by 	**See Menu Provided**	Salon 5
9:00 – 9:45	Regional Sessions	East TN: Cindy Lang	Salon 1
		Middle TN: Megan Parker-Peters	Salon 2
		West TN: Julie Alexander	Salon 3
		Affiliate: Stacie Bradshaw	Salon 4
9:45 - 10:00	BREAK		
Breakout 3 10:00 – 10:45 <i>(See Abstract for details)</i>	Exploring Cognitive Engagement as a Means to Enhance Student Understanding & Critical Thinking Skills	Dr. Pamela Kramer Ertel, Middle Tennessee State University	Salon 5 (Main Room)
	High Stakes, High Stress: Improving Stakes and Combating Stress Through Accreditation Collaboration	Drs. Samantha Alperin, L.E.A.D. Educational Consultants & Katie McGrath, Southern Adventist University	Salon 1
	Gaining Insights into Community Engagement: Learning from Preservice Teachers	Drs. Amy Maples, Nick Kim, & Lynn Hodge, East Tennessee STEM Hub	Salon 2
	Understanding educational disparities and equity through critical reflection	Drs. Amanda Nelms, Sally Barton-Arwood, Lauren Lunsford, & Mary Claire Dismukes, Belmont University	Salon 3

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	Creating a Successful Mentor Training in our MNPS Primary Partnership	Drs. Amanda Van Doorn, Vanderbilt University, Megan Parker Peters, Emily Medlock, Lipscomb University, & Chad Prather, Metro Nashville Public Schools	Salon 4
	Let's Talk About the Pedagogical Approaches for Higher Education	Dr. LaToshia Chism, Lane College	Arabian
	Enhancing the Educational Landscape Through Recruitment and Collaborative Partnerships	Drs. Cynthia Alexander-Mitchell & Christie Rodgers, & Kirby Tucker, Christian Brothers University	Franklin
	Using Transformational Literacy Read Alouds with Culturally Diverse and Students with Disabilities in the Early Childhood Setting	Drs. Beth Stratton & Tammie Patterson, University of Tennessee Martin	Highland
10:45-11:00	BREAK		
Breakout 4 Job-Alike 11:00 – 12:00	Certification Officers	Ms. Jenny Hahn-UT Martin & Mr. Kevin Fee-Austin Peay State University	Salon 5 (Main Room)
	CAEP/Accreditation Coordinators	Drs. Amelia Brown, University of Tennessee Knoxville & Malina Monaco, Senior Vice President for Accreditation	Salon 1
	Clinical Experience Coordinators	Dr. Alesia Orren, Maryville College	Salon 2
	Job-Embedded	Drs. Shane Brown, Lee University & Ronda Blevins, Carson-Newman University	Salon 3
	Literacy	Dr. Annie Insana, Belmont University	Salon 4
	Deans/Directors/Chairs	Dr. Sharen Cypress, Freed-Hardeman University	Arabian
	edTPA Coordinators	Drs. Karen Foster, Lincoln Memorial University & Beth Sisson, Bethel	Franklin

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Breakout 4 Job-Alike 11:00 – 12:00	Instructional Leadership (Education Administration)	<i>School Leader Competencies: Leadership Programs and Teacher Shortages.</i> Drs. Everett Singleton, Middle Tennessee State University & Twanie Roberts, Tennessee State University. Facilitator: Dr. Rodney Russell, Carson-Newman University	Highland
12:30 – 3:00	Advocacy Committee Meeting (RSVP Only)	Jim McIntyre, Advocacy Coordinator	Morgan

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