



## AACTE State Affiliate Benefits

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- **DAY ON THE HILL** – AACTE’s annual gathering in Washington, DC, provides member institutions the opportunity to promote best practices, meet with congressional leaders, and advocate for education policy and funding to support educator preparation. Register together with the State Leaders Institute to get a 15% discount!
- **STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY TRACKING** – AACTE monitors policy developments at both national and state levels using tracking software, which is also available to members and affiliates. Regular updates keep affiliates informed on pertinent legislative and regulatory proposals.

### PUBLICATIONS

- **STATE DIRECTIONS in Ed Prep Matters** – AACTE's flagship weekly e-newsletter features state policy news under the banner State Directions.
- **POLICY REPORTS** -- AACTE produces reports on key state policy issues such as admission assessments, alternative certification programs, and state evaluation.

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **ANNUAL MEETING** – The AACTE Annual Meeting is the nation’s largest and most content-rich convening of teacher educators. During the Annual Meeting, state affiliates participate in sessions geared to learning best practices, developing and enhancing state advocacy skills, and expanding their capacity.
- **STATE LEADERS INSTITUTE** – Offered each June as part of AACTE’s Washington Week, this program convenes current leaders of state affiliates to discuss important trends in state policies related to educator preparation. Attendees interact with other leaders from across the United States, learning strategies to increase their affiliates’ capacity and advocate for the profession. Beginning in 2022, state affiliate leaders also will convene virtually in the fall to discuss key state policy issues.
- **ACSR REGIONAL CALLS** – ACSR Regional Representatives lead regular virtual meetings for state affiliate leaders in their region. These meetings promote collaboration and communication across states, provide the opportunity to share successes and challenges, and keep participants informed on the latest AACTE services.

- **AACTE SUPPORT FOR STATE CONFERENCES** – AACTE staff are available to present on a wide array of topics at state affiliate meetings, either virtually or in person.

### TOOLS & RESOURCES

- **ADVOCACY CENTER** – The AACTE Advocacy Center is your go-to resource for engagement in advocacy at any level. Here you can sign up to receive electronic action alerts, download guides on a variety of topics, and access other resources to support your work at home, in your state capitol, and in Washington, DC.
- **STATE AFFILIATE SUPPORT GRANTS** – AACTE periodically offers grants to support the development of state affiliates, including their activities and capacity building.
- **ONLINE COMMUNITY** – Beginning in Fall 2022, state affiliate leaders will have access to their own community on AACTE Connect360. The new community will provide a forum for real-time communication and resource sharing on state policy and other affiliate activities, as well as a library of AACTE and state affiliate resources and a calendar of AACTE and state affiliate meetings and events.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- **ADVISORY COUNCIL OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES (ACSR)** – Each state affiliate has one designated representative to ACSR, the governing body of AACTE’s 46 state affiliates. This representative must be from an AACTE member institution. The representative has voting privileges on ACSR business such as elections for the Executive Committee and other items of significance to the state affiliates.
- **VOLUNTEER FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVICE** – Every state affiliate president, immediate past president, or ACSR representative from an AACTE member institution is eligible to be selected for election to the ACSR Executive Committee. The chair, chair-elect, and past chair of the ACSR Executive Committee also serve on the AACTE Board of Directors.