



CONSTITUTION

AACTE and AACTE-CT collaborate to strengthen their advocacy efforts, share experience and expertise, and expand their members' professional development opportunities. To this end, our Chapter's relationship with AACTE is a voluntary affiliation that allows us to advance our members' interests.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education - Connecticut (AACTE-CT)."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

This organization is committed to excellence in educator preparation in Connecticut and to help inform the conversation on the needs and future of our educational system.

We do this by:

- Providing a support network of leaders of education programs in CT
- Being a professional education voice
- Influencing and guiding legislation and policy on public education
- Supporting the advancement of high-quality teacher and educator preparation in CT
- Supporting our education students with opportunities to collaborate and lead
- Collaborating in purposeful ways with other educational organizations and agencies

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be:

- A. To serve as the effective voice for the institutions that prepare educators in Connecticut.
- B. To serve as a liaison organization between AACTE-CT and the State of Connecticut.
- C. To serve as a forum for the state of Connecticut's educator preparation institutions by:
 1. Dissemination and changing relevant information concerning educator preparation among member institutions and agencies.
 2. Serving as a resource for the Connecticut State Board of Education, the Connecticut State Department of Education, and other agencies on educator preparation and other educational policies.
 3. Promoting research activities in educator preparation.
 4. Working cooperatively with other organizations to promote education.
 5. Promoting communication and exchange of ideas relevant to educator preparation by sponsoring opportunities for policy and professional

development.

D. To serve as clearinghouse for State of Connecticut educator preparation institutions to:

1. Develop and define positions on issues of importance to education.
2. Act to influence educational policy and activity.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall be comprised of two categories:

- A. The Board of Directors, as defined in Article VIII, and
- B. Affiliated Members, all professional personnel in educator preparation programs.

ARTICLE V - VOTING

Each college and university shall have one vote. The Vote shall be cast by the institution's representative to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS

Liaison relationships will be established with associations and agencies with an interest in the preparation of professional school personnel.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

A. Designation and Election

The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

All officers of this Organization shall be elected for a period of two years. Elections for new officers shall be held during the last meeting of the academic year. For purposes of planning and carrying out business, the elected officers and the immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Committee.

B. The President

The President shall be the principal executive officer and shall, in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Organization and shall have the power to sign, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of the Organization all agreements and other formal instruments. The President shall serve ex-officio on all committees and appoint chairpersons, members of all committees, and member representatives to other organizations. He/she shall give notice of all meetings of the Organization.

C. President-Elect

The President-Elect shall serve as chief executive officer in the absence of the President and shall perform such duties as the President may determine.

D. Secretary

The Secretary shall attend the meetings of the Organization and keep the minutes thereof. He/she shall perform such other duties as the President may from time to time determine.

E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the charge of the finances of the Organization under the direction of the President. The Treasurer shall have the care of all property belonging to the Organization. The Treasurer shall keep full accounts and, at the last meeting of the academic year, shall present an account of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

AACTE-CT's organizational structure shall consist of a President; an Executive Committee; a Board of Directors consisting of Deans, Directors, or Department Chairpersons ultimately responsible for educator preparation in the Institution; and Affiliated Members. AACTE-CT shall meet in any of four structures: as an organization of the whole, as the Board of Directors, as the Certification Officers' Forum or in any ad hoc forum, as authorized by the President.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

There shall be at least four (4) regularly scheduled meetings a year for the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - RULES OF ORDER

The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall guide the deliberations of the organization.

ARTICLE XI - DUES

Annual Institutional dues shall be set at the Board of Director's last meeting of each academic year. The Treasurer shall bill each member institution on October 1st.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that a copy of the amendment shall have been given to all members of the Board of Directors at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.