

**Report of the Teacher Education and School Accreditation Committee (TESAC)  
to the 2016 NSEA Delegate Assembly,  
By Travis Coe, Gothenburg, Chair**

The Teacher Education and School Accreditation Committee (TESAC) represents NSEA members on the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE). NCTE is an advisory committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education, and the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE). Donna Moss of Hastings is chair of standing committee “C”, Diana Casey of the Omaha is vice-chair of standing committee “A”, and Retired member Caroline Rice of Bellevue is secretary of standing committee “B”.

TESAC monitors and works for improvements in Educator Preparation programs, Standards of School Accreditation and Standards for Educator Preparation in the State of Nebraska. It is the advocate for quality education in Nebraska. Rules 20, 21, 24 and 25 continue to be reviewed every year as needed.

As active members of the NCTE, we have studied Supply and Demand Reports for Administrators and Teachers; State Education Report Cards; Reform of Educator Preparation; Educator Effectiveness; Educator Standards; AQuESTT Accountability as it relates to Educator Preparation Programs; and have participated in State and NCATE/CAPE accreditation visits.

Members of TESAC are divided into three committees on NCTE. These committees reviewed issues as listed below. All committees have been involved in helping rewrite any rules brought to them into performance-based language. The three “Standing Committees” reviewed the following:

- Rule 24 endorsements and guidelines for all Special Education areas.
- Rule 24 endorsements and guidelines for Coaching.
- Rule 24 endorsements and guidelines for Audiologist.
- Rule 24 endorsements and guidelines for Counselor and Curriculum Supervisor.
- Rule 24 endorsements and guidelines for Art, Music, Vocal Music, and Middle Level Education.
- Rule 20 changes for accreditation of Educator Preparation Institutions.
- Rule 21 changes for Certification of Educators.

NSEA members on the NCTE will recommend approval or non-approval of all 16 Educator Preparation Institution programs to the State Board of Education in June after reviewing accreditation reports from all programs and NCATE accreditation of Peru State College and the University of Nebraska Omaha. NSEA members have served on the initial visit to Bellevue University as it applies to become an Educator Preparation Program.

NCATE has now become CAEP, combining the National Council on Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC). The Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) is the only federally recognized body for national accreditation of preparation programs. Nebraska will be signing a new State Partnership Agreement with CAEP and future accreditation will be under the CAEP Standards. Our state representatives will need to be trained in the new standards and continue their service on accreditation teams at Nebraska institutions. The first accreditation of Educator Preparation Programs under the new CAEP standards will begin in fall 2016.