

Teacher Education and School Accreditation Committee (TESAC)
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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 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/CAEP 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 Career Education areas
- Rule 24 endorsements and guidelines for Counselor
- Rule 24 endorsements and guidelines for Curriculum Supervisor/Leadership for Teaching and Learning
- 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 an onsite state review of College of Saint Mary and a national CAEP review of Wayne State College. NSEA members have served on the continuing visit to Bellevue University as it applies to become an Educator Preparation Program.

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 began in fall 2016.