

Report of the TESAC Committee Submitted by Diana Casey

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).

NCTE develops and recommends standards for State Board approval relating to:

- State approval of higher education institutions providing educator preparation programs;
- Admission to approved professional education programs leading to certification;
- Issuance teacher, counselor, administrative, and special services certificates;
- Certificate endorsements;
- Relationship of these issues with other states and national bodies; and
- Teacher and administrative shortages.

Members of TESAC represent educators from all Nebraska State Board of Education districts, various grade levels, content areas, positions, and years of experience within a wide variety of school districts. Every effort is made to ensure a balanced representation of NSEA members.

TESAC is led by: Diana Casey, Chair; Pat Ludeke, Vice-Chair; and Devin Garcia, Secretary.

Various NSEA members serve as leaders on NCTE. In June, Diana Casey finished serving a two-year term as President of NCTE. Donna Moss serves as the NSEA representative on the NCTE Executive Committee. Susan Stake is the Secretary of Committee A; Caroline Rice is Vice-Chair of Committee B; Donna Moss is Chair of Committee C.

TESAC will bring forward an NSEA member as President-Elect of NCTE in one year.

TESAC members served on various NDE teams, including:

- College/University approval teams.
- Ad Hoc Committees for Special Education and English Language Arts.
 - Educator Preparation Program Rule (EPPR) Revision Working Group, editing Rule 20 (Rule 20 is the regulations for the approval of teacher education programs).
https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Rule20_2014.pdf
 - Rule 21 Advisory Editing/Working Group (Rule 21 is the regulations for the issuance of certificates and permits to teach, special services, and administer in Nebraska schools).
https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/RULE21_2020.pdf
 - The EPPR (Rule 20) and Rule 21 groups are advisory workgroups and the NDE will take the draft revisions to their legal team, submit for review to the Nebraska Commissioner of Education, and State Board of Education. There may be changes to the draft before public hearings and final approval.
 - Rule 24 (Regulations for Endorsements) https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Clean_Rule24_2020.pdf
- Teacher Shortage Summit and Workgroups.

Over the next year, NCTE has several issues they will be working on, including:

- Revising various teacher endorsements and certifications requirements, including:
 - o Special Education

- o English Language Arts
- Continuing revising and editing Rule 20 and Rule 21.
- Collaborating with stakeholders across the state to address the Educator Shortage.
- Examining Reciprocity with other states, depending on LB 1218 (currently 34 states recognize the Nebraska Teacher and Administrator endorsements and certifications, but Nebraska does not recognize other states without further investigation).
- Program Approval of:
 - o Midland University
 - o Peru State o University of Nebraska at Omaha
 - o Nebraska Wesleyan
 - o Wayne Sate
 - o College of St. Mary
 - o Union College
 - o University of Nebraska at Kearney
 - o York University