



NCACTE Advocacy Update

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Western NC EPPs - NCACTE is with you.

Hurricane Helene left a devastating path through western North Carolina impacting our friends, families, communities, and our EPP communities. I was heartened to see our informal and formal networks activities in the wake of Helene, offering care, compassion, and support. We encourage our members safe from Helene to consider donating to a reputable emergency relief organization with boots on the ground in WNC or buy gift cards from your favorite local business in the mountains.

NCACTE has been in touch with members in western North Carolina, and we know the needs will continue as they emerge from storm recovery and begin to rebuild. NCACTE plans to support the needs of your EPPs, your students, faculty, and partners in the months ahead.

-Diana Lys, NCACTE President

PEPSC Updates

PEPSC held its monthly meeting on September 12, 2024. Chair Bullock welcomed 2024 NC Teacher of the Year Heather Smith to PEPSC. Ms. Smith is a graduate of Western Carolina University.

At the meeting, PEPSC approved the [2023-24 Annual Report to the JLEOC](#). They also approved policy amendments to [TCED-011](#), [TCED-009](#), and [EVAL-023](#). They discussed draft policy amendments to [TCED-004](#) and [LICN-001](#) but those amendments were not brought up for vote at this meeting. The changes to TCED-004 would allow for EPPs accredited by a national accreditor approved by CHEA other than CAEP to bypass the state peer review process. The changes to LICN-001 would incorporate the legislative requirements for holding a principal license into policy. They would also remove the requirement for experienced out-of-state

teachers to take licensure exams comparable to those required in NC before receiving a renewable CPL so long as the licensure requirements in their previous state are substantially similar to NC's, or they hold National Board certification. See p. 6 of the [proposed amendments to LICN-001](#) for the definition of substantially similar.

Agendas and minutes, when available, for PEPSC meetings are published [here](#). PEPSC did not meet in October. Meetings are available to watch on the Department of Public Instruction's [YouTube Channel](#).

NC State Board of Education Updates

The NC State Board of Education (SBE) held its monthly meetings on September 4 and October 2 and 3, approving two new EPPs:

- [Want More? Do More?](#) - Targeting licensure needs in charter schools
- [iTEACH](#) - CAEP Accredited

The meeting presentation with additional details about both EPPs is available [here](#).

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NCDPI Monthly Meetings

NCDPI held its monthly EPP update meetings on September 6th & October 4th. Developments of note included:

- [September Meeting Slides:](#)
 - Praxis will discontinue the PPAT in December 2025
 - Dr. Tracie Vegh (tracie.vegh@pearson.com) with Pearson can schedule one-on-one meetings to support EPPs with the transition to edTPA..
 - Reporting Data Checks
 - EPPs should email Dr. Andrew Sioberg (andrew.sioberg@dpi.nc.gov) when their revised student characteristics file is uploaded (if errors were present).
- [October Meeting Slides:](#)
 - Principal Portfolio Assessment:
 - [NCDPI 1-pager](#) that summarizes the timeline for the NC PPA
 - TAs to Teacher tuition reimbursements:
 - New statute changes the funding model from a reimbursement to a direct payment from participating LEAs to EPPs.

- Moving forward, PSUs are now required to have MOUs with EPPs. If you can connect LEAs with your EPP MOU personnel, please do.
- Calculating admission GPA for clinical residents:
 - EPPs have full authority under the policy to select which 18 credit hours are considered relevant when establishing a GPA.
 - EPPs and LEAs should communicate early to ensure candidates meet GPA requirements for admission to residency programs. Keep in mind, residency licensure requirements and program admission requirements are separate entities.
 - EPPs should work to plan implementation of the new policy while guidelines are being developed.

The next NCDPI EPP update meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8th at 11:30 am. All NCDPI EPP meetings can be accessed at <https://ncgov.webex.com/meet/andrew.sioberg>. Materials from all NCDPI EPP update meetings can be accessed via this [Google Drive folder](#). Please reach out to Dr. Kim Evans (Kimberly.Evans@dpi.nc.gov) with questions.

In Other News

- [General Assembly Passes \\$273M Helene Relief Bill](#)
 - See Section 8.3 of [SL2024-51](#) for the EPP clinical internship length waiver
 - [Questions and Answers Related to SL 2024-51](#)
- [General Assembly Passes Second Helene Relief Bill](#)
- [New Transfer Guides Tool Helps North Carolina Community College Students Transfer to UNC System Institutions](#)
- [NC Releases School Performance Grades for 2023-24](#)
 - [edNC Map on School Performance Grades](#)

Continued Communication

- Advocacy Update: If you have colleagues who would like to receive these updates, please direct them to [complete this form](#).
- Sign up for DPI/SBE/PEPSC listserv updates, meeting info, and agenda items: Use the following link to sign-up for DPI alerts, which will include PEPSC meeting notifications public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NCSBE/subscriber/new.
- Questions? Comments? Contact Brad Smith (Advocacy & Policy Chair) at bradleysmith@charlotte.edu.

