



## AACTE State Chapter Benefits

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- **DAY ON THE HILL** – AACTE’s annual gathering in Washington, DC, provides member institutions the opportunity to promote best practices, meet with congressional leaders, and advocate for education policy and funding to support educator preparation. Register together with the State Leaders Institute to get a 15% discount!
- **STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY TRACKING** – AACTE monitors policy developments at both national and state levels using tracking software, which is also available to members and chapters. Regular updates keep chapters informed on pertinent legislative and regulatory proposals.

### PUBLICATIONS

- **STATE DIRECTIONS** – The monthly e-newsletter *State Directions* provides state chapters and other subscribers pertinent news and national trends on various policy issues. The newsletter also serves as a platform for chapters, members, and stakeholders to share stories and provide feedback.

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **ANNUAL MEETING** – The AACTE Annual Meeting is the nation’s largest and most content-rich yearly convening of teacher educators. During the Annual Meeting, state chapters participate in sessions geared to learning best practices, developing and enhancing state advocacy skills, and expanding their capacity.
- **STATE LEADERS INSTITUTE** – Offered each June as part of AACTE’s Washington Week, this program convenes current leaders of state chapters to discuss important trends in state policies related to educator preparation. Attendees interact with other leaders from across the United States, learning strategies and collaborating to increase their chapters’ capacity and advocate for the profession.
- **ACSR REGIONAL CALLS** – ACSR Regional Representatives lead quarterly conference calls for state chapter leaders in their region. The calls promote collaboration and communication across states, provide the opportunity to share successes and challenges, and keep participants informed on the latest AACTE services.

- **AACTE SUPPORT FOR STATE CONFERENCES** – AACTE staff are available to present on a wide array of topics at state chapter meetings, either virtually or in person. To request a staff presentation, [complete an online request form](#).

### TOOLS & RESOURCES

- **ADVOCACY CENTER** – The AACTE Advocacy Center is your go-to resource for engagement in advocacy at any level. Here you can sign up to receive electronic action alerts, download guides on a variety of topics, and access other resources to support your work at home, in your state capitol, and in Washington, DC.
- **STATE CHAPTER SUPPORT GRANTS** – AACTE periodically offers grants to support the development of state chapters, including their activities and capacity building.
- **OTHER** – AACTE also offers resources to assist state chapters such as a website template and assistance with setting up and maintaining the website.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- **ADVISORY COUNCIL OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES (ACSR)** – Each state chapter has one designated representative to ACSR, the governing body of AACTE’s 46 state chapters. This representative must be from an AACTE member institution. The representative has voting privileges on ACSR business such as elections for the Executive Committee and other items of significance to the state chapters.
- **VOLUNTEER FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVICE** – Every state chapter president, immediate past president, or ACSR representative from an AACTE member institution is eligible to be selected for election to the ACSR Executive Committee. The chair, chair-elect, and past chair of the ACSR Executive Committee also serve on the AACTE Board of Directors.

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