Leadership Advancement:
- Executive Board Involvement: members are afforded opportunities to participate and serve in the Association via annual membership elections.
- Ambassador Program: members can represent the Association locally and/or regionally and provide a communication link between Board members and member states.

Advocacy:
- National Lobbying Efforts: executive team campaigns on behalf of community college early childhood and teacher education programs nationally and establishes collaborative relationships with key partners that support the importance of community college education programs.
- Collaborates on educational projects, activities, and events with national organizations such as: the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) as an Affiliate Council and The League for Innovation in the Community College.

Visit the NACCTEP website at www.nacctep.org for a membership application.

NACCTEP is a national program of Rio Salado College, one of the 10 Maricopa Community Colleges.
Community Colleges and Teacher Education

Community colleges play an essential role in the preparation and professional development of teachers. In many states, a majority of students who are preparing to become teachers begin their college careers at community colleges. Studies have shown that more than 50 percent of practicing teachers attended a community college for at least part of their education. Accessible and affordable, with diverse student bodies that represent local populations, community colleges have the capacity not only to help meet the growing need for quality teachers, but also to increase the diversity of the teaching workforce.

The National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP) is the only organization of its kind that serves as a voice for community colleges in national discussions about teacher education; supports institutions and individual members by enhancing current community college teacher education programs; and serves as a resource for those looking to develop new programs.

We must work to collectively elevate our presence and importance in the world of teacher education training. To maintain this goal, we must join together to be one strong, unified voice. We have the collective wisdom, insight, and compassion to impact national discussions. Join this exciting and important Association today and help guide the future of community college early childhood and teacher education programs.

Our Mission

Leading community college early childhood and teacher education programs for the 21st century.

Our Goals

• Actively engage in and promote the mission and goals of NACCTEP: including, but not limited to, commitment, outreach, professionalism and currency, leadership, and collegiality.

• Promote and encourage transformational servant leadership opportunities which support, voice, and advocacy for quality community college teacher education programs.

• Endorse partnerships and strategies which are required to maintain NACCTEP’s role as a healthy and viable organization.

Member Benefits

Networking:

• National Conference: affords members and partners the opportunity to communicate with other teacher education professionals and share best practices.

• Discounted Conference Fees: members receive a registration discount for the NACCTEP annual conferences.

• Webinars: provide an interactive forum for experts to share information on current national topics related to community college early childhood and teacher education programs.

Scholarships: provide financial assistance for students from member colleges through the NACCTEP National Scholarship Program. In addition, NACCTEP members and their students can apply for targeted scholarships through partner organizations.

Civic Engagement: support opportunities that promote an environment and culture in which educators and students are made aware of; provided opportunities for; and equipped with the tools of civic learning, engagement, and appreciation of democratic processes, liberties, and responsibilities.

Trending Educational Resources:

• Newsletters: a compilation of articles regarding current membership, upcoming events, community college spotlights, and relevant educational issues.

• News Alerts: up-to-date national information specifically affecting community college teacher education programs.

• Comprehensive Website: extensive resources, including national conference information, Association publications, resource websites, and models of success.