



# Constitution of the Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (TACTE)

## Article I: Name

1. The name of this association shall be
  - a. TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
    - i. Abbreviations TACTE or TNACTE can be utilized.

## Article II: Purpose and Objectives

1. The Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education's (TACTE) purpose is to provide, through professional organization and cooperation, the collection and promotion of ideas and practices most effective in educator preparation. TACTE is to serve as the voice for the higher education component of educator preparation in the state of Tennessee, to represent those who seek quality in educator preparation, and provide a vehicle for all educator preparation providers (EPPs) in the state to work together for the improvement of educator preparation. TACTE shall seek to advocate for P-12 education and the enhancement of the quality of education in all areas. Consonant with this purpose, the objectives of TACTE are the same as the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) as they apply in and for the state of Tennessee.

## Article III: Governance and Affiliation

1. The Association is governed by a Board of Directors and the Association's members.
2. The Association shall be affiliated with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education per policies established by its national Board of Directors.
3. To obtain affiliation, the state unit membership shall consist of at least 60 percent of the AACTE member institutions in Tennessee.
4. The AACTE and the Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education collaborate to strengthen their advocacy efforts, share experience and expertise, and expand their members' professional



development opportunities. To this end, our chapter's relationship with AACTE is a voluntary affiliation that allows us to advance our members' interests.

- a. Continuance of affiliation shall be contingent upon
  - i. Maintaining membership of at least 60 percent of the AACTE member institutions in Tennessee.
  - ii. Assurance that the voting rights of comprehensive members comprise at least 51 percent of the total voting rights for the Tennessee state unit.
  - iii. Submission to the national AACTE Board of Directors an Annual State Activity Report to include a review of the program, fiscal activities, and a certification of membership with the Tennessee Association.
  - iv. To allow a biennial review by the AACTE Board of Directors.
  - v. Adoption and maintenance of a constitution and bylaws in compliance with the provisions of the model constitution recognized by AACTE.

#### **Article IV: Rules of Order**

1. The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order (latest revision) shall govern the deliberations of this association, subject to such special rules, as agreed upon by the membership.

#### **Article V: Amendments to the Constitution**

1. Amendments to the constitution shall be proposed for discussion and provided to the Association member institutions at least 30 days before the Association member representative vote. A constitutional amendment will follow the Association voting criteria found in [Article V](#).
2. A 2/3 majority vote by voting member representatives present is required for a constitution or bylaw amendment.