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# Spring 2017 CTE Conference Announcement

Theme:

**“SPAN: Spring Policy Action Network”**



## The Spring 2017 Conference of the California Council on Teacher Education

Jointly Co-Sponsored by  
California Association of Bilingual Teacher Educators (CABTE)  
California Association of Professors of Special Education/Teacher Education Division (CAPSE/TED)  
Independent California Colleges and Universities Council on the Education of Teachers (ICCUCET)

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**March 30-31, The Citizen Hotel, Sacramento**

The California Council on Teacher Education Spring 2017 Conference will be held March 30-31 at The Citizen Hotel in Sacramento around the theme “Spring Policy Action Network.” The Conference will feature presentations and activities related to teacher education policy, practice, and research, plus meetings of CABTE, CAPSE, and ICCUCET, and the CCTE Special Interest Groups. See the following pages for an overview of the conference, the tentative program, and a call for proposals.

The Planning Committee for the Spring 2017 Conference is co-chaired by Cindy Grutzik (California State University, Long Beach), Karen Lafferty (San Diego State University), and Pia Wong (California State University, Sacramento) along with CCTE Policy Committee Co-Chairs Mona Thompson (California State University, Channel Islands) and Susan Westbrook (California Federation of Teachers).

**How To Register?** Complete the accompanying registration form (pre-registration deadline is February 15, 2017) and return it with a check (payable to California Council on Teacher Education, spelled out in full) to: Alan H. Jones, CCTE Executive Secretary, 3145 Geary Boulevard, PMB 275, San Francisco, CA 94118. Or if you wish to pay by credit card, use the on-line registration form on the “Conferences” page of the CCTE website—[www.ccte.org](http://www.ccte.org). All Conference attendees must make their own hotel reservations. Call The Citizen Hotel at 1-877-781-8559 no later than March 1 and tell them you are attending the CCTE Spring 2017 Conference.

# Now, More Than Ever, Our Voice Matters

From **Cindy Grutzik, Karen Lafferty, & Pia Wong**, *CCTE Spring 2017 Conference Co-Chairs*

Greetings from the SPAN (Spring Policy Action Network) Planning Group. Our purpose here is to share further details of the plans for CCTE's move to Sacramento in Spring 2017 and communicate our vision for this new style of conference.

CCTE has decided to change the venue for its Spring Conference to Sacramento beginning Spring 2017, March 30th and 31st. There are four main reasons for this change. First, we want to position CCTE as an expert voice in teacher education policy at the state level. This move allows CCTE to become a stronger advocate for our candidates, faculty, and institutions, and aligns with our mission of being "active toward advancing research, practice, and policy for quality teaching."

Second, we also want to energize our membership by offering a new kind of meeting—a Spring Policy Action Network (SPAN)—that features legislative visits, California-based education research, a CTC document workshop, and opportunities for networking with colleagues and policymakers.

Additionally, we want to build the annual San Diego Fall conference into CCTE's primary scholarly conference, with the traditional structure of keynote(s), research and best practice sessions, policy sessions, poster session, and an awards luncheon, plus meetings of associated organizations and education deans.

Finally, it is important for CCTE to be a good steward of membership dues by offering a Spring annual meeting that is more affordable and has the potential to bring resources to the organization.

In May 2016 the CCTE membership received a survey about these proposed changes. We would like to thank the 97 people who took the time to respond. Their responses and thoughtful comments have guided our work. We recognized from survey comments the need to balance membership interests in networking with meetings with affiliate groups and opportunities to both present and learn from research. Respondents to the survey communicated explicitly about their desire to maintain a balance between current conference practices that make CCTE such a special event, and excitement about charting new directions. The Spring 2017 Conference has been planned taking into account the thoughtful feedback offered by CCTE membership. Conference evaluations will also be an important venue for providing ongoing input and preferences.

The initial day of the Spring 2017 Conference will start with a "meet and greet" continental breakfast that will include time for Special Interest Group meetings. The morning will feature an orientation session to build our CCTE capacity in the policy arena, and to do this in a way that is relevant, collaborative, and productive. We will be working primarily in regional policy groups based on combinations of State Senate districts, as you will see in the tentative program and on the registration form. The Thursday lunch will feature Mark LaCelle-Peterson, the Senior Vice President for Policy and Programs at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), who will link issues of state and national education policy in the new presidential era. Thursday afternoon will feature a self-guided tour of the Capitol building as well as policy analysis options for those who do not wish to engage in Capitol office visits, culminating in a late afternoon discussion session to provide feedback on the day's activities. There will also be a statewide education deans' meeting at the Capitol Thursday afternoon.

Friday morning will begin with a President's Networking Breakfast followed by accreditation workshops coordinated by staff from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The associated organizations (CABTE, CAPSE, ICCUCET) will also meet that morning. Friday afternoon will introduce California Research Roundtable presentations as a vehicle for sharing new teacher education research along with posters so that researchers can engage in conversation about their work. In honor of César Chávez Day, the poster session will also feature posters by teacher education candidates at CSU Sacramento.

This new style of conference eliminates the Saturday meeting day and thus an extra night's hotel stay, and with breakfast and lunch included in the conference registration fee participants will find this a more affordable meeting. Extra charges for the associated group meetings have also been eliminated. The overall Conference schedule allows arrival on Thursday morning and departure on Friday afternoon, resulting in just a one-night hotel stay.

While the survey responses indicated a sadness about leaving San José, there was significant recognition of the potential in moving to Sacramento to take advantage of partnerships with organizations and programs like CTA, CFT, teacher induction, CDE, and the CTC, as well as access to legislators, lobbyists, and other policymakers.

Once again, the Planning Group appreciates the time CCTE members took to make constructive comments and suggestions as we move forward with this change. Look for further updates and previews in the Spring issue of *CCNews* and come join us in Sacramento in March. Please use the accompanying registration form to get on board prior to the February 15 pre-registration deadline.

We continue to solicit feedback from the membership and are working closely with the CCTE Board of Directors and the CCTE Policy Committee to make sure the Spring 2017 SPAN Conference represents the very best CCTE has to offer in improving education at every level in California.

While further details will be shared via e-mail to the membership and in the Spring issue of *CCNews* due out around March 1, this formal announcement of the Spring Conference includes the tentative program and registration form. Please circulate this information to your teacher education colleagues.

# Tentative Spring 2017 CCTE Conference Program

## *Wednesday, March 29:*

- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Meeting of the California State University Field Coordinators' Forum.
- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Meeting of Board of Directors of the California Council on Teacher Education.
- Meeting of Education Deans from Private and Independent Colleges and Universities.

## *Thursday, March 30:*

- 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Meet and Greet Continental Breakfast.
- 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Roundtable Meetings of CCTE Special Interest Groups.
- 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - Break.
- 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - California Priorities Meeting:
  - Welcome, Introductions, & Overview.
  - Legislative Updates and Seminar on Legislative Process.
  - Identifying the Hot Issues.
  - Explore Policies in Regional Policy Groups with Team Facilitators (based on combinations of State Senate districts).
  - Debrief and Review.
- 11:45 a.m. to Noon. - Break.
- Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Advocacy Lunch with Speaker Mark LaCelle-Peterson, AACTE Senior Vice President for Policy & Programs.
- 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. - Break.
- 1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Reconvene in Regional Groups.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Policy Activities to Build Capacity—Choose One:
  - Explore the Capitol with Your Regional Policy Group.
  - or
  - Policy Analysis Session with AACTE Staff Experts and CCTE Policy Committee.
- 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Statewide Deans' Meeting at State Capitol.
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Debriefing and Goal Setting:
  - Policy Activity Report Outs: Highlights from Explore the Capitol and Policy Analysis Groups.
  - Implications for Goals and Future Activities.
  - Hearing from Our Allies: Panel of Leaders from Other California Educational Associations on Legislative Relations.
- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Sponsored Reception.
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner on Your Own.
- 7:00 p.m. - Segment Deans' Dinner Meetings.

## *Friday, March 31:*

- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - President's Networking Breakfast.
- 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.. - CTC Workshop on Accreditation.
- 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - Leadership for Accreditation for Deans and Directors with CTC Staff.
- 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Break.
- 10:30 a.m. to Noon - Associated Organization Meetings:
  - California Association of Bilingual Teacher Educators.
  - California Association of Professors of Special Education.
  - Independent California Colleges and Universities Council on the Education of Teachers.
- Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Conference Luncheon.
  - Deadline for Voting in CCTE Annual Election.
- 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Research Sessions:
  - Research Roundtables.
  - Research and Practice Posters.
- 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - President's Conference Wrap-Up:
  - Announcement of New CCTE Board Members.
  - Preview of Fall 2017 CCTE Conference.
  - Closing Comments.
- 3:30 p.m. - Conference Adjourns.

## California Council on Teacher Education Spring 2017 Conference Registration

Please use this form to register for the Spring 2017 CCTE Conference and return by mail with payment by check;  
Or if you wish to pay by credit card, use the on-line form in the "Conferences" page of the CCTE website ([www.ccte.org](http://www.ccte.org)).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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(include ZIP code)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Category: Each Category Includes Conference Registration and Meals (check the appropriate category):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Pre-Registration - \$295 (will be \$325 on site)  | Note: CABTE, CAPSE, & ICCUCET will meet on Friday morning at the Spring 2017 Conference, but there is no separate registration charge for those meeting this time because all food service is included in the Conference registration. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special for Retired Educators - \$150 (will be \$175 on site)   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special for P-12 Educators - \$150 (will be \$175 on site)  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special for Students - \$50 (will be \$75 on site)  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special for 4 or more registrants from the same institution - \$275 each (submit a form for each with combined payment) |  |

California State University Field Coordinators Forum Meeting and Refreshments (Wednesday)

- Special Fee for Those Attending - \$25

Total from above (please enclose check for this amount payable to California Council on Teacher Education): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interest Groups: You are urged to attend a SIG of your choosing during the Thursday meet-and-greet breakfast (check the one you may attend):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts in Education                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Equity and Social Justice                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credential Program Coordinators/Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Induction                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RAIN                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedagogies for College and Career Readiness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lives of Teachers                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology and Teacher Education            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Teacher Preparation           |

Please indicate which Regional Policy Group You Are In (By State Senate Districts):

- Group 1 - North - Senate Districts 1, 2, 3, & 4.
- Group 2 - Northern Central Valley - Senate Districts 5, 6, 12, & 14.
- Group 3 - San Francisco Bay Area - Senate Districts 7, 9, 10, & 11.
- Group 4 - Silicon Valley & Central Coast - Senate Districts 8, 13, 15, & 17.
- Group 5 - South Central Valley - Senate Districts 16, 18, 19, & 21.
- Group 6 - San Bernardino Area & High Desert - Senate Districts 23, 24, 25, & 32.
- Group 7 - Ventura & San Fernando Valley - Senate Districts 20, 22, 26, & 27.
- Group 8 - Central Los Angeles & Long Beach Area - Senate Districts 28, 30, 33, & 35.
- Group 9 - Orange County & Riverside Area - Senate Districts 29, 31, 34, & 37.
- Group 10 - San Diego Area & Imperial Valley - Senate Districts 36, 38, 39, & 40.

If you would be willing to serve as a facilitator of your Policy Group, please check here

Please mail completed form with check payable to "California Council on Teacher Education" to:

Alan H. Jones, CCTE Executive Secretary, 3145 Geary Boulevard PMB 275, San Francisco, CA 94118

Pre-registration deadline is February 15, 2017. No refunds after that date. Registration after that date and on-site at the Conference will be available at the on-site rate.

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