



e-News Blast
UPDATE

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We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this difficult time.



WA-ACTE Summer Conference

August 2-5, 2020

The Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane

STILL A GO - we will meet again in August, Face-to-Face (F2F), virtually, or both...

WA-ACTE is actively monitoring current developments related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak and potential impacts to the 2020 Summer Conference in Spokane scheduled for August 2-5, 2020. Presently, WA-ACTE is doing our best to not cancel and is moving forward with a "hybrid" format of F2F along with virtual offerings for the August conference as scheduled with the hope we can all be together then. If the F2F portion of the program must be canceled due to "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" orders we will lean into as robust a virtual format for professional development as we can offer. Please stay tuned!

WA-ACTE will make attendee safety and well-being a priority as we plan the Summer Conference in partnership with the OSPI CTE State Staff and leadership from each section. **As any changes to the status of the Summer Conference happen, they will be communicated to the CTE community immediately as we know them.**

In the meantime, you can help by saving the date...

As we all adapt to our current situation, soon we will be offering a pre-registration for your planning. Look for more details as we roll-out final registration costs and dates with the new format options just in time for attendees/districts to make final commitments. Please know that we are here to support you as we all work through this difficult time together and we appreciate your understanding as we navigate this new reality for our annual Summer Conference.

Contact us with your questions. As we all work remotely, we are watching our inboxes closely to respond to your questions with the most current information we have available.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming Conferences

WA-ACTE, Sections, Region V,
and National ACTE Conferences

NPS 2020 Virtual Visit Guide



Earlier this month, ACTE had to cancel our 2020 National Policy Seminar (NPS). While we know canceling NPS was the right decision for the health and safety of everyone involved, it does not mean that our advocacy has to stop! In fact, ensuring CTE programs are included and valued is as important now as ever. Some NPS attendees were able to reschedule their meetings as phone calls, and will be meeting with those Members of Congress virtually next week. Even if you had not planned to attend NPS, or had not made appointments with your Members of Congress, there is an opportunity to stay engaged in virtual advocacy! We have created a "**Virtual Visit Guide**" to help NPS attendees and other CTE stakeholders with advocacy during this important time. This document is intended to provide you with relevant information ahead of any conversations with policymakers in the near future, but if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the ACTE Public Policy Department at publicpolicy@acteonline.org.

MEMBERSHIP
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Washington ACTE Membership Webpage

Renew your membership for WA-ACTE, Sections, and/or National ACTE. Advocate for your CTE interests and achieve your career goals by ensuring your membership is current.

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[Deadline extended for student trophy design contest](#)

With many teachers adjusting to delivering instruction in an online environment, we have extended the deadline for the student trophy design contest to June 30. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasys and presented to the 10 national award winners at the 2020 ACTE Awards Gala on Dec. 2 in Nashville, Tenn. [Learn more.](#)



The application for the [Career & Technical Scholarship](#) is open now until June 4, 2020.

[Apply Now](#)



[COVID-19 Online & Distance Learning Resources](#)

ACTE continues to update its compilation of online and distance learning resources, which also includes information on how to access six free courses to prepare educators to teach online via CTE Learn. [LEARN MORE](#)

[2020 Prize for Teaching Excellence Now Open](#)

The 2020 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence is accepting applications until **May 13**. During this challenging time for educators, students and families, the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools team hopes to share good news and spotlight hardworking and passionate skilled trades teachers. We hope you'll consider applying!

[SCHOLARSHIP: WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE NUMBER FIVE?](#)

One is the loneliest number. Three is a crowd. Then there is five. What's so special about five? Well, for starters, this lucky number could help you—or a student you know—win a \$1,500 postsecondary scholarship. In 250 words or less submit a response to the question: "May is the fifth month of the year. Write a letter to the number five explaining why five is important. Be serious or be funny. Either way, here's a high five to you for being original." <https://tinyurl.com/onekub7>



ONLINE: Clean Energy Forum
 April 17, 2020 / 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Attention School Administrators, Counselors, Teachers, and CTE Directors!

In a series of statewide *Educating for a Green Economy* conversations, the Pacific Education Institute and E3 Washington, in conjunction with the Governor's Office through Employment Security Department funding, invites you to join us for an ONLINE panel session with regional clean energy industry experts.

In this ONLINE workshop, industry leaders will share their expertise and create a collaborative discussion on the green economy workforce and system wide innovative education that leads to careers in the clean energy industry. We will discuss STEM standards and skills students need to enter the workforce. Participants will learn how to access units, professional development and tools to support instruction. The EGE project will seek feedback from the audience to close the gap between education and strategic industry sectors that support Washington's emerging green economy.

Participants can earn up to **1.5 WA State Approved STEM Clock Hours.**

ONLINE WORKSHOP!
 Click the link below to register
 and you will receive an invitation
 to join the Zoom meeting.

REGISTER! Cost: **FREE!**

To register, click the button above or type in the following URL into a web browser: https://ege_energy_forum_lacey.eventbrite.com

Clean Energy Forum Panel
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CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATES EXTENDED ONE YEAR FOR EDUCATORS

Washington State is currently experiencing a rapid outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), impacting our communities in a number of ways. On Friday, March 13, Governor Inslee announced his order to close all K-12 public and private schools for six weeks. In response to this announcement, the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) has filed [emergency rules](#), extending the validity period on certificates expiring June 30, 2020 for one additional year. These certificates will now expire June 30, 2021. This policy change is effective immediately. Educators do not need to take any action in order to be granted this one year extension. When applying to renew their certificate, educators will need to meet all renewal requirements for their specific certificate and role, including clock hours, or the equivalent in credits or professional growth plans (PGPs).

What certificates are included in this policy change?

This one year extension of expiration dates applies to residency, professional, initial, and continuing certificates for all roles, including teacher, administrator, career and technical education (CTE), and all educational staff associate (ESA) roles. This policy change is for certificates with an expiration date of June 30, 2020. Individuals with certificates expiring June 30, 2020, who have already applied for certificate

renewal will be granted the same one year extension on their renewed certificates. Individuals with permits are eligible for one additional one-year permit, and would need to apply for that additional permit.

What certificates are not included in this policy change?

There is no change to the expiration date on limited certificates, including conditional certificates. Districts and individuals need to follow existing policy for reissuance of these certificates. Educators with residency first issue (residency FI) certificates also still need to follow existing timelines to apply for reissuance. There are no clock hours required for reissuance of this certificate.

How can I get information about my certificate?

Educators can contact the OSPI certification office at cert@k12.wa.us or (360) 725-6400. Certificate information is also available [online](#), and in individual [eCertification](#) accounts. Questions on policy can be directed to PESB at pesb@k12.wa.us.

When can I renew my certificate?

Educators holding a certificate expiring June 30, 2020 who have met all certificate renewal requirements are encouraged to submit renewal applications now. Submitting a renewal application before the expiration date does not advance the expiration date of the next certificate.

Do I still need to meet the STEM certificate renewal requirement?

Yes. Educators who hold at least one STEM related endorsement, or a CTE teacher certificate, still need to meet the STEM certificate renewal requirement prior to the new expiration date of their certificate. Find out more about the [STEM certificate renewal requirement](#).

Do I still need to meet the suicide prevention training requirement?

Yes. School counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, and school social workers still need to meet the suicide prevention training requirement prior to the new expiration date of their certificate. These Educational Staff Associates (ESAs) must complete a PESB approved suicide prevention course, or a Department of Health (DOH) approved course, for certificate renewal. Find out more about [suicide prevention training](#).

Can professional growth plans (PGPs) be completed when school is closed?

Yes. Through a PGP, an educator sets goals, develops an action plan, and collects evidence. As educational settings change throughout the year, an educator can reflect and modify their goals. Educators may set professional growth goals that do not require in-person instruction with students. For example, goals may relate to self-reflection, professional development, leadership, and other areas of the [certification standards and benchmarks](#). PGPs are equivalent to 25 clock hours. PGPs may be completed between July 1 of one year, and June 30 of the next. These dates are not changing. Only one PGP may be completed per year. Find out more [about PGPs](#).

Can clock hours be offered online?

Yes. Existing PESB policy allows for clock hour courses to be delivered in online and remote settings. Learn about guidance for [offering clock hours online](#).

Additional guidance and resources

PESB has created a page on our website housing all press releases, guidance, and resources concerning the novel coronavirus outbreak. [View our website](#).



[Students combine efforts for farm-to-school program](#)

(Thorp) A Washington state school district is merging two career and technical education programs -- for future business leaders and future farmers -- to combine their efforts on a farm-to-school program. Food produced through the program will be served in school cafeterias.

[Shed construction projects offer hands-on lessons](#)

(Kalama) Math teacher Jamie McNeil and shop teacher Cory Torppa are collaborating on a Geometry in Construction class at a high school in Washington state. Students use the Pythagorean theorem to ensure the proper construction of sheds they are building and selling to the public for \$1,500, including delivery and assembly for the buyer.



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