IACTE Fall Conference Overall Agenda
"Student-Centered and Future Focused"

Thursday October 29, 2026 – Friday October 30, 2026
FFA Enrichment Center – DMACC Ankeny Campus
1055 SW Prairie Trail Pkwy, Ankeny, IA 50023

Wednesday October 28, 2026

6:30 pm-8:00 pm	Executive Committee Informal Gathering - *Informal dinner conversation and discussion for Executive Committee members arriving Wednesday evening*	TBD

Thursday October 29, 2026

8:30 am-10:30 am	Executive Committee Fall Meeting - *Fall business meeting of the Executive Committee* - *Light breakfast provided*	Room 113
10:30 am-12:30 pm	Iowa Department of Education Chairs Workshop - *Information and guidance from IDOE leadership for Educator Preparation Program leaders* - *Resources and Q & A*	Room 107
12:30 pm-1:00 pm	Registration and Check-In	Room 107
1:00 pm-1:10 pm	Welcome & Conference Overview - *Welcome from IACTE leadership, fall conference Planning committee, host institutions* - *Overview of schedule and activities*	Room 107

1:10 pm-2:10 pm	Iowa Department of Education Information Session
	- IDEO Director, Mackenzie Snow
	- Teacher Quality & Innovation
	  o Division Administrator, Jay Pennington
	- Educator Quality
	  o Administrative Consultant, Maryam Rod Szabo
	  o Education Program Consultants, Lindsay Harrison, Amy Mayer, Stephanie TeKippe
	- Educational Examiners
	  o Executive Director, Mike Cavin
	  o Administrative Consultant, Kelly Faga
		Room 107

2:10 pm-2:15 pm	Break	
2:15 pm-2:40 pm	State of the IACTE & Strategic Priorities - *Overview of the IACTE structure, goals, plans, and strategic priorities for 2026-27* - IACTE President, Mark McDermott	Room 107

2:40 pm-3:00 pm	Advocacy & Involvement Overview
	- *Overview of opportunities to provide input and feedback in IDOE rule making process*
	  o IACTE President-elect, Jeff Haverland
	  o IDOE General Counsel, Thomas Mayes
		Room 107

3:00 pm – 3:50 pm	External Partners Strategic Priorities & Partnership
	- *Discuss with external stakeholder groups their strategic priorities and hear about opportunities for collaboration*
	  o ISEA, Coy Marquardt
	  o SAI, Al Neppl
	  o IASB, D.T. Magee, Tammi Drawbaugh
	  o Iowa ALTL,
		Room 107
		Room 113

3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	Break	

4:00 pm -4:50 pm	Opportunity for Collaboration Breakouts
	- *Discussions with "work-alike" groups to develop connections for collaboration & plan for 2026-27 Spark Session*
	  o Statewide Literacy Work
	  o Statewide Mathematics Work
	  o Statewide Special Education Work
	  o Statewide ELL Work
	  o MCEE
	  o Educational Technology
	  o Student Teaching / Clinical Experiences
	  o Assessment / Data Collection
		Room 107
		Room 113

4:45 pm -5:00 pm	Closing for Day & Next Steps	Room 107

Friday October 30, 2026

9:00 am-9:15 am	Day Two Welcome and Overview - *IACTE Leadership and host institutions welcome and provide overview of the Day Two schedule*	Room 107

9:15 am-9:50 am	Classroom Management Perspectives
	- *Classroom Management researchers and practitioners from different institutions provide their general perspectives on what EPP need to help pre-service teachers develop an understanding of*
	  o University of Iowa, Ashely Rila (TBD)
	  o Drake University, Michael Couvillon (TBD)
	  o One out of state representative (TBD)
	  o Two k-12 Administrator (TBD)
		Room 107

9:50 am-10:50 am	Classroom Management Breakouts - *Classroom Management speakers from host smaller breakout sessions to discuss with EPP representatives specifics of setting up classroom management instruction as a part of a EPP*	Room 107
10:50 am-11:30 am	AACTE Keynote Speaker - *TBD Speaker from AACTE joins in-person or virtually to provide national perspective and strategic areas of emphasis*	Room 107
11:30 am -12:30 pm	Lunch	Room 107

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Business Meeting
	- *Discuss organizational opportunities*
	- *Reps from Ad Hoc Action teams share-out*
	  o SPED Group
	  o ELL Group
	  o Literacy Group
	  o Strategic Action Team
	  o MCEE
		Room 107

1:30 pm-2:30 pm	Iowa Teacher of the Year Presentation	Room 107
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Awards and Retirements	Room 107
3:00 pm	Closing	Room 107

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