

# Tennessee Alliance for Transforming Teacher Education

TACTE, Fall, 2011



# National Alliance for Clinical Teacher Preparation

- NCATE
- Blue Ribbon Report
- Eight Founding States



# Blue Ribbon Report

- Challenges states in collaboration with teacher preparation programs to:
  - Build clinically rich teacher preparation programs
  - Foster collaborative partnerships among schools, districts, and teacher preparation programs
  - Assess all aspects of performance on a continuing basis
  - Address state and local policies and practices that might impede innovation
  - Create and implement a ‘scale-up’ plan



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- Statewide Conference (May, 2011)
  - Explored strategies for building quality, sustainable preparation programs
  - Identified barriers to innovation
  - Began initial planning for a Tennessee strategy for preparing effective educators
- TBR, UT, and TICUA

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- Establishment of a Steering Committee
  - Begun following the statewide conference (May,2011)
  - Role of the group is to do everything possible to:  
  
“build a state-wide system of clinical teacher preparation partnerships to improve student learning – especially in high needs schools” -- NCATE



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- Current Steering Committee members
  - Susan Benner, TACTE
  - Kandi Hill-Clarke, Tennessee Board of Regents
  - Kevin Huffman, Commissioner, TDE
  - Trevor Hutchins, Belmont University, representing TAILACTE
  - Hal Knight, ETSU
  - Bob Rider, UTK
  - Jamie Woodson, SCORE



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- Invited Additions to Steering Committee
  - Jim McIntyre, Director of Schools, Knox County
  - Gary Nixon, Executive Director, SBE
  - Shirley Raines, President, University of Memphis



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- Next steps
  - Finalize Steering Committee – Meet this Fall
  - Seek foundation support for efforts
  - Environmental Scan of Current Programs and Practices
    - Chief Institutional Representatives will receive in October (on-line)
  - Planning for possible Spring, 2012 statewide meeting
  - TACTE as vehicle for communication

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