



Memorandum

The Alberta Teachers' Association

INFORMATION AND ACTION MEMO

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To Convention Association Secretaries

From Daniel W Maas, Executive Staff Officer, Professional Development

Re 2023 Teachers' Conventions Attendance for Preservice Teachers

On 2023 01 11, a memo was sent to student local secretaries and presidents at Alberta post-secondary institutions in which we informed them how pre-service teachers can attend conventions in 2023. Below are the eligibility requirements we shared with student locals, along with the information and procedures we gave them to attend conventions.

Eligibility and Attendance Requirements for 2023

1. All preservice teachers registered in the final year of their undergraduate teacher education program can attend one convention in 2023 if they are members of their student local.
2. Because Medicine Hat College, Red Deer Polytechnic, and the University of Lethbridge serve as convention venues in typical years, *any* preservice teacher who is a member of the student locals at these institutions can attend *one* convention in 2023.
3. Preservice teachers who are on practicum during convention must attend the same teachers' convention as their cooperating/partner teacher(s).
4. Preservice teachers who are not on practicum during convention season may attend one of the conventions listed for their institution, provided they do not miss classes to do so.
 - Ambrose University: CCTCA, PDTCA
 - Campus Saint-Jean: NCTCA
 - Concordia University of Edmonton: ESTCA, GETCA
 - Keyano College: ESTCA, GETCA
 - Medicine Hat College: SEATCA/SWATCA
 - Mount Royal University: CCTCA, PDTCA
 - Northwestern Polytechnic: MPTCA
 - Red Deer Polytechnic: ESTCA, CATCA, PDTCA
 - St Mary's University: CCTCA, PDTCA
 - The King's University College: ESTCA, CATCA, GETCA
 - University of Alberta: ESTCA, CATCA, GETCA
 - University of Lethbridge: SEATCA/SWATCA, PDTCA
 - Werklund School of Education: CCTCA, PDTCA

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A list of all convention dates, locations, and websites is available at <http://ataconventions.ca>. Preservice teachers may want to preview convention programs before making their choices.

5. Preservice teachers wishing to attend a convention need to inform their student local which convention they will be attending.

Registration

Convention access cards are being distributed to student locals this year. Student locals are asked to keep a tally of the number of preservice teachers from their institution who attend each of the eligible conventions in the list above. We are also distributing a small number of digital student convention access passes for eligible students who participate in community-based university programs far away from their local and are unable to receive a physical card.

Teachers' convention programs can be accessed in the weeks leading up to the convention dates by visiting the following convention program sites listed below. Please note that for the Calgary City Teachers' Convention, a separate registration link is provided, as their process for registering members is different. For all other information on convention contacts and websites, visit <http://ataconventions.ca>.

North Central Teachers' Convention	2023 02 09-10	nctca2023.sched.com
Endless Skies Teachers' Convention	2023 02 16-17	estca2023.sched.com
Calgary City Teachers' Convention	2023 02 16-17	https://www.cctca.com/pre-service-teacher-registration-form
Central Alberta Teachers' Convention	2023 02 23-24	catca2023.sched.com
Palliser District Teachers' Convention	2023 02 23-24	pdtca2023.sched.com
South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention	2023 02 23-24	swatca2023.sched.com
South Eastern Alberta Teachers' Convention	2023 02 23-24	seatca2023.sched.com
Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention	2023 03 02-03	getca2023.sched.com
Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention	2023 03 09-10	mptca2023.sched.com

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