



# Memorandum

The Alberta Teachers' Association

## **INFORMATION AND ACTION MEMO**

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**To** Student Local Secretaries

**From** Daniel W Maas, Executive Staff Officer, Professional Development

**Re** 2024 Teachers' Conventions Attendance for Preservice Teachers

All 2024 teachers' conventions remain as fully in-person events. The Association is asking for the assistance of student locals to help communicate the following requirements concerning the attendance of preservice teachers at conventions.

### **Eligibility and Attendance Requirements for 2024**

1. All preservice teachers registered *in the final year* of their undergraduate teacher education program can attend *one* convention in 2024 if they are members of their student local.
2. 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 2024.
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.

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	ESTCA, CATCA, GETCA
University of Alberta	ESTCA, CATCA, GETCA
University of Lethbridge	SEATCA, SWATCA, PDTCA
University of Calgary Werklund School of Education*	CCTCA, PDTCA
*Please note that Werklund students enrolled in the community-based education program, who are eligible to attend, may attend the teachers' convention closest to where they live.	

### Attending Teachers' Convention

In previous years, convention access cards were printed and sent to the student local office to distribute. Starting this year, we will not be issuing convention access cards as we have received feedback from our student locals that the distribution of these cards often presented challenges, and convention boards and their volunteers have not been checking for those cards anyway. Our in-service teachers are not registered and checked in at convention, as we trust that they will fulfill their professional attendance obligations. In the same way, we trust that our student local members will also demonstrate the same level of professionalism to only attend if they are eligible. We do advise that all student local members bring their university identification with them on the off chance that a security guard asks for identification. Another change this year is student locals are no longer asked to keep a tally of the number of their preservice teachers attending each convention in the list above.

Teachers' convention programs can be accessed in the weeks leading up to the convention dates by visiting the convention program sites listed below. Please note that a separate registration link is provided for Calgary City Teachers' Convention, as their process for registering members is different. Those attending Calgary City Teachers' Convention must also register for program sessions, as the convention access card is not adequate for session admittance at CCTCA. For all other information on convention contacts and websites, visit <http://ataconventions.ca>.

North Central Teachers' Convention	2024 02 08–09	nctca2024.sched.com
Endless Skies Teachers' Convention	2024 02 15–16	estca2024.sched.com
Calgary City Teachers' Convention	2024 02 15–16	<a href="https://www.cctca.com/pre-service-teacher-registration-form">https://www.cctca.com/pre-service-teacher-registration-form</a>
Central Alberta Teachers' Convention	2024 02 22–23	catca2024.sched.com
Palliser District Teachers' Convention	2024 02 22–23	pdtca2024.sched.com
South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention	2024 02 22–23	swatca2024.sched.com
Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention	2024 02 22–23	seatca2024.sched.com
Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention	2024 02 29–03 01	getca2024.sched.com
Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention	2023 03 09–10	mptca2024.sched.com

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-232-7208 or through e-mail at [Daniel.Maas@ata.ab.ca](mailto:Daniel.Maas@ata.ab.ca).

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