

# MoACEP- Missouri Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships

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# What is NACEP?

- NACEP is the sole accrediting body for concurrent enrollment programs.
- Nationally accrediting programs since 2004.
- Advocate for programs, actively share research and program “best practices”.



# Purpose and Mission of NACEP

- Their mission is to ensure the quality of college courses offered in high school matches the course content and expectations for student work at the partner institution of higher education.
- Help programs adhere to the highest standards so students experience a seamless transition to college.

# What is MoACEP?

- The Missouri Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships was established in 2015. The purpose of this organization is to support and facilitate dual credit programs through quality initiatives such as:
  - Promoting NACEP standards and practices
  - Researching to improve on both state and national level
  - Serving as advocate regarding state dual credit issues
  - Providing professional development concerning quality dual credit programs
  - Fostering strong partnerships between postsecondary and secondary institutions
  - Advocating and educating stakeholders and legislators about dual credit.

# History

- How the MoACEP chapter was formed:
  - It could be said the story of MoACEP began as early as 1998 when a small group of dual credit providers, some of whom would become founders of NACEP, met to hear about the State's new detailed policy on dual credit.
  - In 2001 smaller groups started attending COTA conference to collaborate with each other.
  - 2007- 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri institution (UMKC) was NACEP accredited, then a second in 2008, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2011. In 2014, four institutions were accredited.
  - A founders meeting took place in 2015 and over the next year a sub committee created bylaws which were completed in 2016 in which we also filed appropriate paperwork. In 2017 we were officially approved and recognized as an affiliated state chapter with NACEP.

# Unified Voice

- Challenges on a local, state and national level
  - Many challenges remain because we're in a state where fewer than half the dual credit institutions are NACEP-accredited, where current state policy does not require NACEP accreditation, and where institutions interpret current dual credit policy in a number of different ways.
  - Good news is new state policy is under construction and, if approved, will include a significant amount of NACEP standards language. It is not yet clear, however, if the current draft of updated policy will be approved. Until then, a state affiliate may not gain the interest of potential members.
  - We want to move Missouri into a more progressive state with dual credit & dual enrollment

# Prior & Current Plans

- Hosted a session and mini conference after COTA last year.
- Held a Missouri Meeting at NACEP conference this past November.
- Currently the Missouri Department of Higher Education is working towards aligning NACEP standards with our current MDHE Dual Credit Policy to ensure consistent, quality dual credit programs statewide.
- Organized board meetings every month
- Created membership flyer
- Currently formatting bi-monthly newsletter to send out to all dual credit providers
- Actively increasing awareness about the chapter and working to increase membership

# Future Plans

- Host our own conference for all dual credit providers in Missouri
- Continue to increase awareness of NACEP & quality standards
- Host webinars and professional development activities for secondary and post-secondary partners.





QUESTIONS?