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The **National Center for Teacher Education (NCTE)** serves in a leadership role for teacher education initiatives, working collaboratively with community colleges, school districts, business, education groups, and government to develop programs and services that support the community college role in teacher education locally, statewide, and nationally. NCTE is based out of the Academic and Student Affairs Division at the Maricopa County Community Colleges District Office (MCCCD).

## **Departmental Goals**

### **Support the teacher education students, staff, and faculty of MCCCD**

- Collaborate with PreK-12 schools, four-year institutions, and education partners on behalf of MCCCD teacher education programs
- Develop and support programs and activities that promote teacher education student success
- Develop and share with MCCCD faculty, staff, and administrators current teacher education data, information, and resources
- Assist MCCCD faculty in marketing and promoting their teacher education programs
- Develop, maintain, and expand a central web-based location for all MCCCD teacher education information for students, potential students, teacher education and early childhood faculty, and the public
- Manage and support the MCCCD Council for Teacher Education
- Serve on MCCCD Teacher Education Advisory Councils

### **Develop and foster partnerships, programs, and services to support the recruitment, preparation, and retention of PreK-12 teachers in Arizona and nationally**

- Advocate for community college teacher education and early childhood programs at MCCCD, in Arizona, and nationally
- Coordinate activities with Arizona Department of Education's Education Professions and Early Childhood Professions programs to enhance the pipeline from secondary schools to MCCCD teacher education and early childhood programs
- Interface, collaborate, and partner with local and national educational organizations
- Manage and lead the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP)

### **Improve teacher quality for Arizona PreK-12 teachers through professional development initiatives and programs**

- Develop innovative science, technology, and mathematics pre-service and in-service teacher education grant proposals with education, business, and industry partners
- Administer the National Science Foundation funded Achieving Technological Literacy in Arizona for Students and Teachers (ATLAST) Project
- Connect practicing teachers to MCCCD programs and professional development opportunities