

WECAN Teacher Education Report

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This summer was a busy time for our Teacher Education institutes as many of them resumed their in-person studies after a long time of studying on-line. Congratulations to all of those who weathered the covid waters with great flexibility and dedication to their students, faculty members and community. This summer, two of those institutes received site visits from WECAN and congratulations are due to Gradalis Early Childhood Teacher Training, in Northglenn, CO, for acceptance as a new Associate member to WECAN.



This summer, Sound Circle Center in Seattle, WA has also moved from Associate membership to Full membership. Our site visitor was impressed with the quality of education she witnessed at each of these institutes.



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In September, we began our monthly Teacher Training Institutes zoom calls with discussions about the proposed changes to the Teacher Education Shared Principles. These changes reflect anti-bias consciousness and the revisions of teacher training expectations and coursework. I look forward to the upcoming rich discussions that happen at these monthly zoom calls. On the horizon are conversations around 'who trains the teacher educators', discussions from our working group on faculty evaluations and the provision of ongoing professional development for EC teachers. In this mutually supportive environment, goodwill thrives amongst our member institutes.

The Teacher Education Committee will be meeting more regularly taking up questions about institute member processes (we have 8 institutes who will receive site visitors this year) and other important questions including participation in WECAN's DEIJ audit.

An inclusive process, with the WECAN Board, the IDEA Committee and the institutes, is now happening as the Teacher Education Shared Principles, Curriculum Guidelines and the scrutiny of WECAN Teacher Education processes occurs. In this process, edits will occur in our current Institute Teacher Education Membership Handbook. [Here is the link](#) to the most recent version.

We are grateful for WECAN's IDEA Committee and continued work with these members is prominent on our horizon.

We live in unprecedented times and I am full of gratitude and admiration for the creativity and perseverance of our member institute early childhood educators. They have risen to the challenge of many obstacles over the past year in order to give their students the best possible training alternatives they can provide.