



## The Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

**WACTE: 29 Educational  
Preparation Programs for  
Teacher Education at  
50+ locations throughout  
Washington State:**

Antioch University  
Central WA University  
Centralia College  
City University of Seattle  
Eastern WA University  
ESD-U  
Gonzaga University  
Grays Harbor College  
Heritage University  
Highline College  
Lower Columbia College  
NW Educ. Development  
Northwest University  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Pierce College  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle University  
Saint Martin's University  
The Evergreen State College  
University of Puget Sound  
University of WA Bothell  
University of WA Seattle  
University of WA Tacoma  
Walla Walla University  
Washington State University  
Whitworth University  
Western Governor's Univ  
Western WA University  
Yakima Valley College

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Nathan Estel  
Vice President, Educator Certification  
Pearson

Dear Mr. Estel,

I'm writing on behalf of the Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (WACTE) in light of our state's passage of 2SHB 1028 that eliminates the state mandate for our candidates to pass the edTPA.

While many candidates submitted portfolios for the assessment this year, many were holding back until the outcome was known for the bill. Some of those who were holding back, however, did register and pay the \$300 fee.

WACTE asks that you issue full refunds for these candidates who have paid but will not be submitting for scoring. While we understand your standard refund policy, based on individuals' decisions to withdraw, this is a different situation. The necessity of submitting has been eliminated by the state of Washington.

Many of our members are now re-thinking how they will assess their graduates and recommend for licensure. Some are considering continuing to use the edTPA. It would go a long way in building positive relationships across our state and our association if you could provide full refunds in this unusual situation.

Throughout the recent legislative session, WACTE's lobbyist worked with you and your lobbyists on 2SHB1028, and we hope this earns us careful consideration of this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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