



NACEP WASHINGTON D.C. POLICY SEMINAR

April 15 & 16, 2025

Hall of the States, Conference Room 233

444 North Capitol Street, NW | Washington, DC 20001

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

8:15 – 9:15 AM

REGISTRATION & INFORMAL NETWORKING

- Coffee and Continental Breakfast Available
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9:15 – 9:30 AM

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & OVERVIEW

- **Amy Williams**, NACEP Executive Director
- **Dianne Barker**, NACEP Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Program Strategy
- **Carla Yorke** - NACEP Program Development Coordinator
- **Sarah Stashkiw** - Advocacy Commission Chair
- **Alex Perry**, Coordinator for the College in High School Alliance

9:30 – 10:15 AM

NAVIGATING YOUR INNER COMPASS

Dianne Lassai Barker, NACEP Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Program Strategy

- In today's rapidly changing world, many of us find ourselves grappling with a sense of uncertainty and confusion. Whether it's national events, personal challenges, or societal shifts, the external chaos often infiltrates our inner worlds, leaving us questioning our values and sense of stability. This workshop offers a space for participants to explore and navigate their current viewpoints, helping to transform discomfort into empowerment.

10:15 – 10:30 AM

BREAK

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NUMBERS, NARRATIVES, AND NEW DIRECTIONS: WORK SHAPING THE NATIONAL DUAL ENROLLMENT LANDSCAPE

Amy Williams, NACEP Executive Director

- Over the past year, new resources, research, and data have challenged long-held assumptions, confirmed long-suspected trends, and introduced new opportunities in dual enrollment. From funding models and credit transfer to student experiences and workforce alignment, these findings are shaping how we at NACEP think about quality, equity, and the future of the field.

This session will be a quick, insight-packed rundown of what we at NACEP have learned and why it matters. Amy Williams will share NACEP's take on the national footprint of dual enrollment and what we learned in 2024, what surprised us, what didn't, and what no one is talking about—but should be. We'll help you connect the dots that make up the ever-evolving dual enrollment landscape.

11:15 – 12:00 PM

ADVANCING THE NEXT PHASE OF DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY: WORKING WITH 7 STATES

Alex Perry, Coordinator for the College in High School Alliance

Carla Yorke - NACEP Program Development Coordinator

- In February 2025, the College in High School Alliance announced it would be working with Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington to advance the Next Phase of Dual Enrollment Policy. In this session, Alex Perry from CHSA will discuss how the states are planning to go about setting a statewide vision for dual enrollment, developing policy action plans to close access gaps, and promoting intentional dual enrollment experiences by students through robust stakeholder engagement and strategic planning.

12:00 – 1:00 PM

LUNCH (PROVIDED)

1:00 – 2:00 PM

STATE-BY-STATE DUAL ENROLLMENT QUALITY REVIEW

Dianne Lassai Barker, NACEP Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Program Strategy

- Dual and Concurrent Enrollment programs vary widely in structure, quality, and impact across the U.S. We will evaluate and compare dual enrollment program structures, policies, and quality standards across different states. Participants will share successful strategies and highlight challenges faced by states in implementing quality dual enrollment programs. This will include suggestions for follow-up actionable solutions to improve the quality, access, and outcomes of dual enrollment programs in your state.

2:00 - 3:30 PM

EXAMINING THE PAST DECADE OF DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICYMAKING, EXPANSIONS, AND OUTCOMES

John Fink, Senior Research Associate & Program Lead & Research Commission Chair, NACEP Board

Tatiana Velasco, Research Associate

Jessie Steiger, Senior Research Assistant

Daniel March, Senior Research Assistant

Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University

- This session will share findings across recent and in-progress CCRC dual enrollment research diving into the evolution of state dual enrollment policies over the past decade, assessing whether increased participation has led to greater postsecondary enrollment, describing state-by-state outcomes for dual enrollment students, and examining how high school

students combine dual enrollment with other college and career experiences. The CCRC team will provide short presentations on each topic and engage attendees in facilitated discussion.

3:30 – 3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45 – 4:15 PM

TABLE DISCUSSIONS: ASSESSING THE NEEDS OF THE FIELD

Akima Rogers, Region 1 Representative, NACEP Advocacy Commission, Director of Academic Initiatives, Montgomery College

Sarah Stashkiw, Chair of NACEP's Advocacy Commission, NACEP Board of Directors, P-20 Educational Partnerships, College of Lake County

- As we reflect on the agenda topics from this year's policy seminar, we want to hear from you about the most pressing issues affecting your concurrent and dual enrollment work. In this interactive session, you'll have an opportunity to discuss the topics that are top of mind for you, the challenges you are currently facing, and promising practices you or your networks are implementing to serve students and advance the field.

4:30 – 6:30 PM

POLICY AND PINTS | OPEN BAR WITH LIGHT APPETIZERS

sponsored by **DualEnroll**

THE DUBLINER, 4 F. St. NW, Washington, DC 20001

- Attendees and presenters are welcome to continue the conversations of the day at an optional after-hours meetup. Located steps from Union Station and the Hall of the States, we'll adjourn to a local watering hole, The Dubliner. We'll provide drinks and light appetizers, and you bring the conversation.

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FEDERAL AND STATE POLICY TRENDS TO WATCH IN 2025

**Tom Harnisch, Vice President for Government Relations
State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)**

- It has been a busy legislative season in states and higher education continues to be a hot topic in states and nationally. Gain insights into what's trending in the policy space from SHEEO's Vice President for Government Relations, Tom Harnisch.
- **Recommended resource:** Wish you had a finger on the pulse of higher education policy? SHEEO has a newsletter for you! <https://sheeo.org/sheeo-newsletter-signups/>

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10:15 – 10:45 AM **FORECASTING THE FUTURE OF DUAL ENROLLMENT IN AN UNCERTAIN LANDSCAPE PANEL**

Amy Williams, NACEP Executive Director

Tom Harnisch, Vice President for Government Relations

1Alex Perry, Coordinator for the College in High School Alliance

- As federal structures for education policy seem poised to recede, creating the potential for states to take on greater authority, the look ahead for K–12 and higher education is increasingly murky. What does this mean for dual enrollment? This forward-looking panel will explore a range of scenarios set in the year 2028, inviting panelists to reflect on shifts in governance, funding, public trust, and the student experience. Grounded in today’s realities but focused on tomorrow’s possible landscape, this session will highlight how states, systems, and institutions might look for new opportunities and position themselves to adapt.

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HOW CAN WE HELP? SHAPING NACEP'S 2025 PROGRAMMING

Sarah Stashkiw, Chair of NACEP's Advocacy Commission, NACEP Board of Directors, P-20 Educational Partnerships, College of Lake County

Leticia Wells, Region 5 Representative, NACEP Advocacy Commission, Director, Dual Credit Programming, College of Southern Nevada

- As the leading national organization for concurrent and dual enrollment programs, one of NACEP's priorities is to advocate for the needs of the field. To achieve this goal and build on yesterday's session, we are asking for your input to help shape our advocacy efforts and professional development opportunities in 2025. Please come prepared to share your professional development needs and how NACEP and affiliated chapters can best support you this year.

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CLOSING THOUGHTS

Amy Williams, NACEP Executive Director

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
AT NACEP'S 2025 WASHINGTON D.C. POLICY SEMINAR EVENT
SAFE TRAVELS & SEE YOU IN LOS ANGELES IN OCTOBER!**

