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## 7th Annual Day of Assessment Conference

March 20, 2025 - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

*Pre-Conference Session: 1:00 pm*

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1:30 pm Break

1:35 pm Concurrent Sessions A1 & A2

2:25 pm Concurrent Sessions B1 & B2

3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions C1 & C2

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# Conference Schedule

Presenters	Session Title	Description	Time / Zoom Link
Zack EPP Success Manager, 240 Tutoring	Introducing 240 Tutoring	Our mission at 240 Tutoring is to help as many teachers and future teachers as we can. We've all had teachers who made a difference in our lives. Many of us are former teachers who know just how hard those first years can be, especially passing the teacher certification exams. Collectively, we bring over 60 years of experience teaching students in the classroom and developing curriculum for educators.	<u>1:00 pm</u>  Zoom link to follow
Kwame Floyd (Founder/Executive Director) Teacher Apprenticeship Program	Introducing Teacher Apprenticeship Network	The emergence of teacher apprenticeships over the last two years has highlighted the important work being done to address gaps in our teacher pipeline and provides opportunities for collaboration and innovation in the teacher education space. I would like to share my thoughts and recommendations on how New Jersey can harness Teacher Apprenticeships and workforce initiatives as an innovative strategy to strengthen and diversify the teacher pipeline.	<u>1:15 pm</u>  <u>Zoom link to follow</u>
Amy D. Lewis, Ed.D (Rutgers University, New Brunswick)  Maqueda Randall- Weeks, Ed.D (Rutgers University, New Brunswick)	Session A1:  Using Expert Teams to Supervise and Support Teacher Candidates	Through this presentation, clinical and teaching faculty will share the practices and procedures used by the expert mentor team to evaluate teacher candidates' readiness to teach, the benefits of teaming up to supervise teacher candidates, and the ways in which they overcome challenges related to this dynamic design. They will bring this work to life using case studies to illustrate how they collaboratively identify teacher candidates' professional development needs, in accordance with the New Jersey Professional Standards for Teaching/InTASC, and support their professional growth.	<u>1:35pm</u>  Zoom link to follow
Laura Marie Romitto, DDS, MS, MBA, FNAP (Indiana University School of Dentistry)  Dr. David Allan Zahl, Ph.D (Indiana University School of Dentistry)  Dr. Jeremy Ryan Fry, Ph.D (Indiana University School of Dentistry)	Session A2  Generative AI- Assisted Qualitative Analysis of Focus Group Feedback Data	Analysis of qualitative data is a time-consuming process, making the timely review and analysis of stakeholder feedback difficult to perform efficiently. Various artificial intelligence (AI) tools have been used to process qualitative data, but those past tools (Natural Language Processors) have required extensive human input to review, label, and categorize the data and provide mostly statistical analysis. To address this, we propose using consumer-level, Large Language Model (LLM) based, generative AI platforms like ChatGPT, Gemini, CoPilot, and Claude. Given the time-commitment involved in reviewing qualitative data, using an AI tool to complete even an initial review would save countless hours.	<u>1:35pm</u>  Zoom link to follow

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<p><b>Mark LaCelle-Peterson (AAQEP)</b></p> <p><b>Susan Pagano, Ed.D (Brookdale Community College)</b></p> <p><b>David Ferrier (William Paterson University)</b></p> <p><b>Stephanie Squires, Ph.D (St. Peter's University)</b></p> <p><b>Rosemary Knab, Ph.D (New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning)</b></p>	<p><b>Session B1:</b></p> <p><b>A Life as an AAQEP Education Program Provider in New Jersey</b></p>	<p>This session will consist of a panel 4 New Jersey AAQEP-accredited EPPs who will share their experiences gathering and using data within AAQEP's four-standard framework. The majority of New Jersey EPPs work with CAEP, and many are curious about what week-to-week, semester-to-semester work looks like with AAQEP as an accreditor. Also, panelist may discuss the self-study and site review processes under AAQEP. Mark LaCelle-Peterson will facilitate the discussion and a list of prepared questions will be used to guide the session. Mark's facilitated part of the session will last 35 - 40 minutes, and then there will be time for audience questions.</p>	<p><u>2:25 pm</u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Zoom link to follow</a></u></p>
<p><b>Sancha K. Gray, Ph.D ( Kean University)</b></p> <p><b>Meredith Riddle ( Kean University)</b></p> <p><b>Brian Zychowski, PhD. ( Kean University)</b></p>	<p><b>Session B2:</b></p> <p><b>K.E.E.P. Building Partnerships, Enhancing Observations, and Revolutionizing Portfolio Practices for Teacher Success</b></p>	<p>This session explores partnership building, clinical observations as coaching tools, collaboration, reflective teaching, and an innovative portfolio assessment. Kean University highlights the value of creating partnerships with P-12 districts, where coaching and reflective practices enhance preservice and provisional teachers' readiness for the classroom. Central to this approach is the K.E.E.P. (Kean Educator Evaluation Performance) portfolio, a performance assessment tool featuring sequential skill-building tasks and reflection.</p>	<p><u>2:25 pm</u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Zoom link to follow</a></u></p>
<p><b>Amy Kline, Ed.D. (Seton Hall University)</b></p> <p><b>Malina Monaco, Ph.D. (CAEP)</b></p>	<p><b>Session C1:</b></p> <p><b>Focus on CAEP Standard R5: Understanding Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement</b></p>	<p>In this presentation, you will hear Dr. Monaco describe decisions the Accreditation Council has made and why Standard R5 has earned its place as the most cited standard. You will also gain insights from Dr. Kline as she shares the best practices they use at Seton Hall University to address some key areas of Standard R5</p>	<p><u>3:15 pm</u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Zoom link to follow</a></u></p>
<p><b>Dr. Jim Stefankiewicz (St Peter's University)</b></p>	<p><b>Session C2:</b></p> <p><b>Culturally Responsive Assessments: Creating Equity-minded Assessments</b></p>	<p>Assessment should be a learning experience in and of itself, not simply a tool to determine what students "know." Establishing a growth mindset culture and a culture of vulnerability in a classroom will enable students to celebrate their own cultural identities and allow them to express what they have truly learned, not just regurgitate information.</p>	<p><u>3:15 pm</u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Zoom link to follow!</a></u></p>

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