
Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education
AILACTE
Models of Excellence Award

The Models of Excellence (MOE) award seeks to identify outstanding programs in professional education that will serve as tangible examples both to kindred institutions and to the American public. The AILACTE MOE Award committee invites member institutions to apply for consideration as Models of Excellence. The four qualities the MOE and AILACTE membership have identified as primary characteristics of excellence for Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education are listed below. A complete description of each quality, including statements of distinction, categories and criteria are presented in the Application Guidelines section.

Quality I: Moral and Ethical Dimensions of the Learning Community

Quality II: Partnerships

Quality III: Liberal Arts

Quality IV: Global Awareness and Action

Eligibility

1. Applicants may be either undergraduate or graduate educator preparation program
2. Applicants must be from an AILACTE member institution
3. Applicants may apply for one quality per year

Process

Institutions will complete the application process outlined below. Applicants may focus on one of their professional education preparation programs or generalize across multiple programs. Applications need to specify what is exemplary and systemic about its program(s) in relation to the statement of distinction, the categories and their criteria of the selected Quality. Include how exploring this Quality has added to on-going faculty and program development and planning.

Application Contents

1. Cover sheet including
 - Name of institution and professional education program.
 - Contact person information: Name, title, address, e-mail, telephone
 - Brief description of institutional context and affiliations.
 - Brief description of who was involved in developing this application and the process by which the application was developed. It is recommended that this application be completed through collaboration among program colleagues and is viewed as a process for ongoing program development.
2. Several pages of response for describing and documenting what your students are doing based on the categories within the Quality.

- Within the narrative, include descriptions of the accomplishments of your unit that are consistent with the quality.
 - Include information about what is planned for the future regarding the Quality.
 - Please avoid educational jargon, and define or clarify terms such as student-centered learning, performance assessment, etc.
 - Be sure to include descriptions of examples of performance that you require so that your institution can adequately demonstrate that all students in your program apply the Quality in their teaching/learning.
 - Optional - Provide any additional supporting documentation, such as program website, handouts, etc.
3. Two letters of support from colleagues outside the program or institution specifically addressing the unit's relationship to the Quality. The authors of those letters should be knowledgeable of the program and its impact on the wider learning community over time.
 4. Signature of president or dean, and chair, indicating that the signatories have read the application and attest to the excellence of the program.

Format the application with double spaced typing, 12-point font.

Due Date

Completed applications must be received by **December 28**. Please email complete applications as attachments to dentod@spu.edu. Any additional questions may be directed to admin@ailacte.org