

# 2022-2023 NEA-NH Professional Development Opportunities

## Annual Events

### New and Aspiring Teacher Conference

*Saturday, February 11, 2023*

This event offers courses for New Teachers or those in training, but all members may attend. Workshops highlight the challenges you face as you begin your career, and tools to help you understand students.

### Education Support Prof. Conference

*Saturday, April 15, 2023*

This event offers skill-building workshops targeted to Education Support Professionals, like special education topics, methods to assist struggling students, work/life balance, safety, and communication.

### Summer Leadership Week

*August 7-11, 2023, Concord office*

NEA-NH offers five days of training on issues and skills of association leadership and union business. Nurture your leadership skills while meeting like-minded members. Attend one day or all week!

### Jim Sweeney Leadership Academy

*Ongoing—monthly events*

This Leadership Academy is conducted by NEA-NH executive board leaders for new and emerging local association leaders. Complete this multi-step leadership academy ready to utilize all the resources NEA-NH provides for you and your members.

### Fall Instructional Conference

*October 6, 2023*

This 1-day conference features 85+ workshops designed to address the professional development needs of PK-12 teachers and support staff. Topics: methods to improve instruction, understanding student needs, health and safety, and your wellness. Includes a mini-conference for high school students.

## What Else is Happening?

### NEA-NH Leaders for Just Schools

NEA is building a national network of educators who work to advance equitable student outcomes. Trainings include understanding equity, exploring inherent bias, supporting diversity, and improving school culture. National curriculum is tailored to life in NH.

### Mental Health Emphasis

NEA-NH has secured several grants from NEA to provide extensive pd on mental health topics, including trauma-sensitive schools, educator resilience, suicide prevention, student wellness, and YOUR wellness!

### Monthly Drop-in Book/Support Groups

Look for information on monthly drop-in clubs, for “Gathering to Nurture Your Personal Resilience,” and, for new teachers, “Real Talk and Resilience for New Teachers.” These are book and discussion groups and all members are welcome. These grant-funded groups provide an outlet to share issues and gain support (including a Resilience book).

### Mentoring and Induction

NEA-NH works with individual school districts to provide training and programming to mentors, peer coaches, and mentees. This work ensures that teachers and ESPs set their careers on a path to success.

### Regional Trainings

NEA-NH UniServ Directors and the ESP Committee and Human & Civil Rights Committees provide trainings for members in their region. Workshops are chosen to meet the learning needs of members.

### NEA-NH Lending Library

We have a growing film, book, and CD library on education topics to increase your learning and inspire your goals. Contact Ally Snyder for descriptions and to borrow them for your association or school.

### Retirement / Financial Planning

NEA-NH with NEA Member Benefits offer annual seminars to help members make sound financial decisions at the beginning and end of your careers. These workshops help you navigate long-term planning and retirement, Medicare, Social Security, the NH Retirement System, student loans, and saving for the future.

### Individual Workshops

Local association Presidents can request:

- ◆ Mental Health First Aid;
- ◆ ACES I & II & Put On Your Own Mask First;
- ◆ Building Representative training;
- ◆ Building a sustainable local association;
- ◆ Communication strategies;
- ◆ Educator Resilience; and,
- ◆ Youth Suicide Prevention (state requirement).

## Tell Us What You Need!

We can tailor workshops to your local association’s needs. Presidents, contact Irv Richardson or your UD.

## Did You Know?

### Online Graduate Courses

NEA-NH and Virtual Education Software (VESi) offer several online graduate courses. For \$225/yr, members can take up to three graduate courses. Details can be found at: <https://neanh.org/online-graduate-credit-courses-now-available-to-nea-nh-members/>.

### NEA Micro-Credentials

Members can access 100+ NEA micro-credentials for recertification and personal professional development. Micro-credentials are “mini-courses” that take approximately 15 hours to complete. To view the available topics, see <http://nea.certificationbank.com>.

**A message from  
NEA-NH President  
Megan Tuttle**



Dear Fellow Educator,

We have been through a long and complicated couple of years since 2020! We continue to believe in your amazing strength, resilience, and creative problem solving, as evidenced every day in your work for New Hampshire students. Your experience and expertise set you apart in the field of education and we couldn't be more proud of you!

Your professional growth and career satisfaction are very important to us. It is our role to provide high-quality training to help you increase your knowledge and skills and fulfill your association roles effectively. Low-cost professional development and support really put your dues dollars to work for you! Membership has never been more important than in these challenging times.

Student needs are always changing. Your needs and interests evolve as well. Continuing your professional learning helps increase motivation, inspiration, and growth in your career. We encourage you to take advantage of all the training and development outlined in this brochure. These opportunities are designed by fellow teachers, ESPs, and education experts.

I am proud that your association is committed to supporting you throughout your career, your union membership, and even into retirement. You are the heart of this organization.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan Tuttle".

## For Your Information

You will find out about upcoming professional development opportunities through:

- ◆ Email invitations sent directly to members about upcoming events.
- ◆ NEA-NH's PD website: <https://pd.neanh.org>
- ◆ NEA-NH's print and online publication, *The Educator*;
- ◆ NEA-NH's e-newsletter, *The Insider*;
- ◆ Targeted emails to local association presidents and other leaders; and,
- ◆ Information provided during fall and spring membership drives.

**Please make sure your UniServ Assistant has your current HOME email address, so you will receive pertinent event emails.**

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For more information or  
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