

## Post-Secondary Partnerships with CRESC

CRESC has established meaningful partnerships with area universities and community colleges. These partnerships allow CRESC staff, regional K-12 schools, and post-secondary entities to collaborate, network, and liaise between students, programs, and education initiatives. The partnership with Arkansas State University is the most prominent.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY



Since the advent of Education Renewal Zones in 2004, the education cooperatives have played a vital, sustaining partnership role in their work. The Crowley's Ridge Educational Cooperative has been a major collaborator with the Arkansas State University Education Renewal Zone (ERZ). The CRESC Teacher Center Coordinator participates in the ERZ Stakeholders' events and meetings as the co-op representative.

The CRESC Novice Mentoring Specialist also partners with the ASU College of Education and Behavioral Science to provide essential training on TESS 2.0 (Teacher Excellence and Support System) for pre-educators preparing to enter the field for their classroom internships. Additionally, the partnership with the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences has been extended to include Arkansas State University Mid-South and Arkansas Northeastern College to provide Praxis Assessment tutoring and support to pre-educators who must pass the assessments to receive a standard teaching license in their content and grade-level areas.



As the co-chairs of the Educators Rising Region 3 site, the CRESC Teacher Center Coordinator and Career & Technical Education Coordinator have partnered with Arkansas State University to host regional conferences and competitions for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years. Area colleges with educator preparation programs or related associate degrees were invited to participate in the events. Representatives from Crowley's Ridge College, Arkansas Northeastern College, Williams Baptist University, ASU-Newport, and John Brown University joined Arkansas State University during the regional events to share information with pre-educators in attendance. The CRESC Teacher Center Coordinator also served on the Educators Rising State Conference Committee and partnered with the University of Central Arkansas to plan the state conference.



The CRESC Novice Teacher Mentor also collaborated with ASU, ANC, and Henderson State University to host “Becoming a Teacher” events in the area. These events were designed to promote the teaching profession, share information with interested people, and collect contact information for future events.



Finally, CRESC supports Arkansas State University and the University of Oklahoma in their roles as partners in the Arkansas Leadership Academy. The CRESC Director serves

on the Arkansas Leadership Academy Governance Committee.





