

Newberry College Glossary of Terms

Acronym	Full Name	Definition
ADEPT	Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching	An in-depth, observational system to assist with and evaluate teaching required in South Carolina. Passing a State Department of Education approved-ADEPT evaluation is required for a recommendation for initial certification.
CHE	Commission on Higher Education	A coordinating body in South Carolina monitoring institutions of higher education.
CITE	Continuous Improvement in Teacher Education	Committee comprised of professional education unit faculty.
EEDA	Education and Economic Development Act	SC legislation that mandates career guidance/preparation in P-12 schools and the preparation of educators to meet EEDA requirements. EEDA specifies candidate performance standards for teacher education.
MT	Mentor Teacher	A classroom teacher that has college teacher education candidates placed in his/her classroom and collaborates with the college in providing clinical experiences for those candidates.
SCDE	Carolina Department of Education	State agency responsible for oversight and support of P-12 education in South Carolina including the administration of actions of the State Board of Education and the SC Legislature. The SCDE Division of Educator Quality and Leadership includes certification, state approval of educator preparation programs, and ADEPT (among other areas).
TEC	Teacher Education Committee	Appointed governing body for the Teacher Education Program.
TEP	Teacher Education Program	The professional education unit.