



Lead Pathways Designation

NIET's training and support for teachers seeking the Lead Professional Educator Designation empowers participants to grow as teacher leaders, leverage instructional expertise, make data-driven decisions, and foster collaborative partnerships. Teachers attend and engage in four core teacher leadership-focused virtual sessions and receive an on-site support visit.

2025-2026:

Below are the tentative dates for 2025-2026 cohorts.* Participants can anticipate receiving their certificate of completion in May 2026.

- **Cohorts 1-3:** July 7, July 15-16, September 29-30, and January 12-13
- **Cohorts 4-6:** July 8, July 17-18, October 1-2, and January 14-15
- **Cohorts 7-9:** July 9, July 21-22, October 6-7, and January 20-21
- **Cohorts 10-12:** July 10, July 23-24, October 8-9, and January 26-27

*Note: Cohort assignment will be decided on with district/cooperative and include participant input.

Our session includes:

- Building Foundational Leadership Structures for Teachers
- Leveraging Instructional Expertise for Continuous Improvement
- Using High-Quality Data to Drive Decision Making
- Facilitating Growth for Others Through Collaborative Partnerships

Overview	
Who?	Individuals interested in earning Lead Professional Educator Designation to be considered an experienced mentor by Arkansas DESE
What?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 virtual sessions (synchronous/asynchronous) • Half-day on-site coaching and support visit per participant • Performance tasks between each training date
Cost?	\$2,200/participant

“This has been a wonderful learning experience. After 33 years of teaching, this has fueled me to try something new and to continue learning.”

— **Patricia Dailey**, Teacher, Salem High School, Arkansas