In June 2021, Kate Zulaski was named Deputy Executive Director of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET), an institutional accrediting agency which has been continuously recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable authority on quality education since 1978. As ACCET's Deputy Executive Director, Kate supports the Executive Director in all aspects of the organization, including implementing the strategic direction identified by the ACCET Commission; coordinating with regulatory partners to ensure effective oversight of the Higher Education Act’s federal student aid programs; and the continuous development of an innovative, high-touch, professional accreditation service program that provides an accountability framework, resources, and training for an emerging global learning community.

Kate has a passion for creative and innovative educational models, which is coupled with a unique variety of experiences as a student, teacher, and administrator, in primary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions. From co-operative education to culturally relevant teaching, and from place-based, immersive experience to completely asynchronous online programs, Kate has explored teaching and learning with an eye for high-quality, student-centric programs of all types. Kate brings 25 years of experience working with non-profit organizations as a staff member and board director, including eight years as the Executive Director of a programmatic and institutional accrediting agency, to inform her in her role with ACCET.

Kate has studied a wide variety of subjects and earned a Baccalaureate Degree in Geology from Colorado College, a Master’s in Education with a focus on Educational Research from Moreland University, as well as certificates in Massage Therapy, Secondary Teaching for Social Studies, and the CELTA for teaching English as a foreign language.

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