Become a National Board Candidate

UW National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Support Program offers facilitation for OSPI recognized regional and certificate-alike meetings. Since 2001, trained National Board Certified Teachers have been developing programs in all certificate areas.

Program Overview

Candidates pursuing National Board Certification will participate in the Foundational Course during June or September Orientation. Candidates will become familiar with the National Board (NB) process and the requirements, make a plan for NB work, and learn to connect the NB standards to teaching and learning contexts.

Throughout the school year, candidates will participate in the certificate-alike meetings and regional meetings. Candidates will engage with National Board Certified Specialists in their certificate area to dig deeply into the content area. Candidates will plan units/lessons by setting high-level and worthwhile goals, implementing varied instructional strategies, and assessments. Candidates will receive feedback from trained National Board Certified Facilitators to reflect on their teaching and learning.

Key Outcome

Among the benefits, National Board Certification offers higher salary potential, strengthens teaching practice, and helps students succeed. Washington’s budget language for paying the NBCT bonus and the challenging schools bonus remains intact, providing there are no legislative changes.

Who Should Apply

To seek National Board Certification you must meet the following requirements prior to applying:

- Hold a bachelor’s degree (CTE requirement may be different)
- Have completed three full years of K-12 teaching/counseling experience
- Possess a valid state teaching/counseling license