North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
National Board Certification News

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Public Schools of North Carolina
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

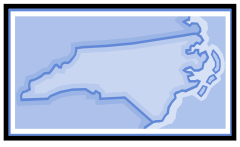
IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CANDIDATES!

As of today, North Carolina has received over 4,500 applications for National Board Certification. The deadline for applications remains midnight of October 31, 2009. NC cannot accept applications following this date.

If you have completed the N.C. online application/ promissory note and are eligible for funding, your assessment fees will be paid by the State. If you're not sure if you are eligible for funding, please visit **http://nbpts.dpi.state.nc.us** to check your eligibility status. The date shown on this website indicates when a request for payment was initiated. Your fees should be posted on your NBPTS account within 6-12 weeks from this date. You can monitor your NBPTS account by visiting "My Profile" on www.nbpts.org or by calling customer service 1-800 -22TEACH.

While you wait for your fee payment, PLEASE begin working on the portfolio. You do not need to wait for your "box" to arrive in order to get started. You may download, free of charge, all your materials by visiting www.nbpts.org. You should download your standards, portfolio instructions, scoring guide and assessment center information.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to email me. Due to the increased volume of phone calls, I am able to serve you more effectively through email. I will respond to your email as soon as possible.



Thank you,
Beth Edwards, NBCT
NBC Program Coordinator
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DPI NBC Support Webinar

REGISTER NOW!

Seats are limited
For registration visit:
http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/recruitment/ nationalboardcertification/

October 14, 2009 **5PM-6PM**
Videotaping

October 27, 2009 **5PM-6PM**
Writing for the Process!

October 29, 2009 **5 PM-6PM**
Entry 4: Documented Accomplishments

Dates to Remember!

October 31, 2009 *North Carolina funding application deadline*

October (TBA) *Renewal decisions are released by NBPTS*

November 15, 2009 *Retake applications are available*

November (TBA) *08-09 NB Candidate results are released*

January 31, 2010 *Renewal payment deadline (NBCTs must pay this fee directly to NBPTS.)*

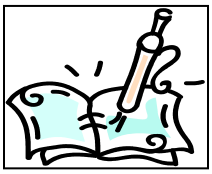
Are You Eligible for State Funding?

The state of North Carolina will pay, up front, the assessment fee for all eligible North Carolina teachers. Teachers are not required to repay the fee as long as they complete the full National Board Certification process and teach in a North Carolina Public School the year following completion of the assessment. Candidates are eligible for state funding if they:

- Are paid entirely from state funds
- Have completed three full years of teaching in the North Carolina Public Schools (This includes DOC, DHHS, Office of Juvenile Justice, and licensed public charter schools)
- Hold a clear, continuing North Carolina teaching license
- Have not previously received state funds for participating in the NBPTS assessment. (If a candidate received funding, withdrew from the process and fulfilled the payment obligation, he/she can be funded again.)
- Engage in direct classroom instruction, library/media or school counseling work 70% of the time over the course of the academic year.

Candidate Tip of the Month!

Remember that the portfolio is not a writing test! Focus on giving clear, convincing and concise evidence in your written commentary. The assessors don't need to read "fluff."!



Submitted by,
Jasmine Hart
NCAE NBC Caucus Network Chair

Columbus County PIMUST

National Board Initial Candidate Support Program
2009-2010

When: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

September 12, 2009	Organizing for Successful Completion and Documenting Accomplishments
October 17, 2009	Analyzing and Responding to Portfolio Requirements and identifying the Big Ideas of a Discipline
November 7, 2009	Understanding and Reviewing Types of Writing
December 5, 2009	Videotaping and Documenting Accomplishments
January 16, 2010	Examining Students' Work and Building Partnerships
February 6, 2010	Scoring Your Own Work
March 6, 2010	Work Session
March 28, 2010	Packing!
May 15, 2010	Getting Ready for the Assessment Center

Where:

Professional Development Center, Central Office, 817 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC

Who:

National Board Candidates Initial Candidates
Prospective National Board Candidates

Purpose:

To provide knowledge of National Board Certification and support in completion of portfolio entries and assessment center activities for the purpose of engaging teachers in reflecting upon their practice to increase knowledge and skills and improve student achievement.

How:

- Email Carol Midgett cmidgett@columbus.k12.nc.us or Eleanor Pusey epusey@columbus.k12.nc.us indicating the date (s)) for which you wish to register (so that adequate materials are available). The hope is that candidates will select to attend all sessions for continuing support.
- Arrive at the Professional Development Center at Central Office by 9:00 am and plan to remain until 12:30 pm. Bring a copy of Standards for the Certificate Area you are pursuing and printed copies of portfolio instructions-available at http://www.nbpts.org (Go to Candidate and select area of certification or on the CD sent to candidates who have registered with National Board and North Carolina).
- Generate and bring questions

If you find that you must withdraw from the National Board Certification program, please read below!

WITHDRAWAL Candidates must complete the official NBPTS withdrawal form and fax a copy to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction- attention Beth Edwards- 919.807.3362. Both NBPTS and North Carolina must be notified. Candidates have 120 days to repay the state from the date of withdrawal. Candidates who withdraw before the portfolio or assessment center date will owe the state $500.00. Candidates who withdraw after the portfolio or assessment center due date will owe the state $2500.00. Upon withdrawal and completion of your financial obligation to the state of North Carolina, a candidate can be funded again. ***(**Please Note: Item two on the "Did You Know" component of the withdrawal downloaded form does not apply to North Carolina candidates. All state funded candidates must complete the process-all components-during the initial candidacy year or withdraw.)***

2009 NBPTS Fall Webinars

Announcing the NBPTS Fall Webinars!

Be Informed. Feel Empowered. Get Active.

Whether you're thinking about National Board Certification, have just completed the process, or are thinking about renewal, NBPTS has a **FREE** webinar for you.

NCAE Workshop Registration can be found by visiting www.ncae.org

October 23 – 24, 2009
NCAE Fall Professional Development Conference, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro

November 7, 2009
NCAE National Board Certification Winter Writing Workshop I, Greenville

November 21, 2009
NCAE National Board Certification Winter Writing Workshop I, Buncombe County Schools Central Office, Asheville

December 5, 2009
NCAE National Board Certification Winter Writing Workshop I, NCAE Center, Raleigh

January 23, 2010
NCAE National Board Certification January Jumpstart for Advanced and Renewal Candidates, NCAE Center, Raleigh

January 23, 2010
NCAE National Board Certification Winter Writing Workshop II, NCAE Center, Raleigh

February 20, 2010
NCAE National Board Certification January Jumpstart for Advanced and Renewal Candidates, Buncombe County Schools Central Office, Asheville