

2023 – 2024 EEA National Board Candidate Support Cohort Program

EEA provides facilitated support for candidates going through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification process. Candidate support is optional for teachers completing their National Boards; however, teacher candidates who are part of a support program show a significantly higher passing rate.

As part of a cohort, candidates receive support, instruction, and feedback from their trained facilitators who are EEA colleagues. Examples include: “unpacking” the National Board component prompts, finding evidence of National Board standards, and alignment. Clock hours will be available.

Courses Offered	Description	Dates
*Foundations: Introduction to National Board	Required by all OSPI-approved programs and for those receiving OSPI conditional loan**. A close examination and application of two NBPTS foundational documents: The Five Core Propositions, and The Architecture of Accomplished Teaching.	Sept. 23, 2023 or January 2024 (9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
Component One: Content Knowledge	Discussion of certification area standards and analysis of prompt descriptors. Self-assessment of knowledge in content area. Learn about Constructed Response Items and Selected Response Items as well as assessment ethics, procedures, appointments, and general overview of C1.	Jan. 6 March 2 March 23 (9:00 -11:30 a.m.)
Component Two: Differentiation in Instruction	The Five Core Propositions and the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching will be woven throughout the analysis and study of certification area standards and Component Two instructions. Meetings include time for Q&A, conferencing, drafting, peer review.	Oct. 7 Dec. 2 Feb. 10 March 9 April 27 (9:00-11:30 a.m.)
Component Three: Teaching Practice & Learning Environment	The Five Core Propositions and the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching will be woven throughout the analysis and study of certification area standards and Components Three instructions. Meetings include time for Q&A, conferencing, drafting, peer review, plus video review and analysis.	Oct. 7 Dec. 2 Feb. 10 March 9 April 27 (11:45 -2:15 p.m.)
Component Four: Effective and Reflective Practitioner	This component requires teacher candidates to gather information from a variety of sources about a group of students; use assessments to effectively plan for and positively impact their students’ learning; and provide evidence of their collaboration with families, the community, and colleagues and of their contributions to learning communities to advance students’ learning and growth. Meetings will include time for Q &A, conferencing, drafting, peer review, and reflection	Nov. 4 (9:00 – 11:30) Jan. 6 March 2 March 23 (11:45 –2:15p.m.)

What time are the meetings? Saturday meeting times, vary per component

Where are the meetings held? EEA office. However, if there is poor weather or illness, we may switch to Zoom for a meeting.

What is the cost? Prices are based per component. See below for costs.

Course	WEA/EEA Member Costs	Clock Hours
Component One	\$125	12
Component Two	\$225	20
Component Three	\$225	20
Component Four	\$225	16
*Foundations	\$100	6

If a candidate is participating in all 4 cohorts in the same year, the cost is discounted to \$725.

***Foundations Course** is offered for those who did not attend the WEA Jump Start Program and is a prerequisite for Components One, Two, Three, Four, & for those receiving the OSPI conditional loan. If you attended the WEA Jump Start Program, you do not need to take the Foundations Course.

****OSPI Conditional Loan Program** is offered by OSPI to assist teachers in financing the NBPTS fees. See this website for details: <https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/national-board-certified-teachers/national-board-candidates/ospi-national-board-conditional-loan> If you receive the conditional loan you must be enrolled in an OSPI-approved support cohort!

How do I register?

To register and reserve a place in the EEA NBCT Candidate Support Program please do the following:

1. Fill out the Registration form. Registration opens August 21st and continues until the component cohorts are full. A spot is guaranteed in the component cohort(s) once your \$200 registration fee is submitted to EEA.
2. Mail this registration form with your check made out to Edmonds Education Association. Your cost will depend on which Component or Component Combinations you will be taking.
Edmonds Education Association
19105 36th Avenue West, Suite 101
Lynnwood, WA 98036
Attn: Andi Nofziger

Please note that you must register with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and pay their fees in addition to participating in the EEA National Board Candidate Support Program. We strongly suggest downloading the standards for your certificate area and reading them before committing to this process.

Menu of EEA, WEA, and OSPI 2023-24 National Board Candidate Support Options

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between June 2023 and August 2023, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- OSPI Conditional Loan (must apply – first come, first served)
- Jump Start* (offered by Washington Education Association)
- EEA Foundations (or attendance at WEA Jump Start*)
- EEA Cohort Support for C1, C2, C3, C4
- Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between September 2023 and January 19, 2024, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- OSPI Conditional Loan (must apply – first come, first served)
- EEA Foundations
- EEA Cohort Support for C1, C2, C3, C4
- Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between January 20, 2024 and the registration deadline, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- EEA cohort support for C1, C2, C3, and C4
- Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

**Additional fees apply*

Helpful Links

National Boards: important information and registration

<http://www.nbpts.org/> Information/registration for the National Board assessment process. You need to register and pay the NB assessment fees to become a National Board Candidate (this is a separate fee from the EEA NB Candidate Support program).

WEA: Jump Start & Homestretch

Jump Start and Homestretch are WEA's excellent preparation events for the NBCT process. Jump Start participants get the Foundations course required for the conditional loan process as well as great tips for managing resources and materials throughout the process.

<https://www.washingtonea.org/events-training/pd/certification-licensure/>

Guide to National Board Certification (with important dates and deadlines)

http://www.nbpts.org/wp-content/uploads/Guide_to_NB_Certification.pdf