



Vancouver Education Association
VEA National Board Candidate Support Cohort Program
2017-2018

VEA 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 VEA colleagues. Examples include: “unpacking” the National Board component prompts, finding evidence of National Board standards, and ensuring alignment. Clock hours will be available.

What courses are offered & when do they meet?

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.	Saturday, Sept 16 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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.	Wed., Oct 25 Wed., Nov 29 Tues., May 22 5:00-7:00 pm
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.	Wed., Oct 4 Wed., Nov 8 Wed., Jan 10 Wed., Feb 7 Wed., March 7 5:00-7:30 pm
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.	Monday, Sept 25 Monday, Oct 30 Monday, Nov. 27 Monday, Jan 22 Monday, Feb 26 5:00-7:30 pm
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.	Monday, Oct 16 Monday, Dec 4 Monday, Feb 5 Monday, March 19 5:00 – 7:30 pm

WEA Home Stretch: March/April (TBA) Drop Dead Date: papers to facilitators: April 25th

Where are cohort meetings held? McLoughlin MS in the library

What is the cost? Candidates pay a registration fee of \$100 to finalize and confirm their place in the cohort. Candidates also pay support fees based on Components selected. Note that WEA/VEA member prices are lower. To become a VEA member contact cbrown@washingtonea.org. See tables below for costs.

Course	WEA/VEA Member Cost	Non-Member Cost	Clock Hours
Component One	\$150	\$225	15
Component Two	\$250	\$375	20
Component Three	\$250	\$375	20
Component Four	\$250	\$375	20
*Foundations	\$100	\$150	6

***Foundations Course** is offered for those who did not attend the WEA/OEA 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 in August, you do not need to take the Foundations Course.

If a candidate is taking the following combinations, prices are adjusted as follows:

Courses	WEA/VEA Member Cost	Non Member Prices
Components One, Two & Three	\$525	\$750
Components One, Two, Three & Four	\$650	\$800

****OSPI Conditional Loan Program** is offered by OSPI to assist teachers in financing the NBPTS fees. See this website for details: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Certification/nbpts/Candidacy/Loans.aspx>

How do I register?

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

1. Fill out the Survey Monkey at the VEA website www.vancouverea.org <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RN3DGGM> This will secure your place in the program and give us the necessary information to place you in a cohort. PRIORITY DEADLINE: September 14, 2017. Space in the co-hort is limited and will be filled in order of submission.
2. Print out & complete the Registration form. www.vancouverea.org (Documents tab). No refunds after September 22.
3. Mail the registration form with the \$100 registration fee to secure your place in a cohort. You may bring payment for the support fees to your first support meeting. Checks are made out to Vancouver Education Association.

Vancouver Education Association
2509 Broadway
Vancouver, WA 98663
Attn: Cindy Brown

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

We're excited to be working with you this year as you undertake this powerful, professional work!
Warm regards,

Lynn Maiorca, VEA President
VEA National Board Candidate Support Program Coordinator/Facilitator
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Menu of VEA, WEA, and OSPI 2017-18 National Board Candidate Support Options

(Refer to calendar below for important dates)

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between June 2017 and August 2017, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

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

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between September 2017 and November 2017, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

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

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between December 2017 and January 2018, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- VEA C1
- OSPI C1 and Foundations online (available to those in rural/remote areas and offered by OSPI)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between January 2018 and the registration deadline, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- OSPI C1 and Foundations online (available to those in rural/remote areas and offered by OSPI)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

**Additional fees apply*

National Board Registration Window	April 2017–January 31, 2018
NB Fee Payment Deadline	January 31, 2018
Change of Certificate and/or Specialty Area	January 31, 2018
Change of Component Selection	January 31, 2018
ePortfolio Submission Window (For Components 2 , 3, and 4)	April –May 16, 2018
Withdrawal Deadline	January 31, 2018
Component 1: Content Knowledge Testing Window	April –June 15, 2018
Scores Released On or before	On or before December 31, 2018

Helpful Links

National Boards: registration and important information

<http://www.boardcertifiedteachers.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 VEA NB Candidate Support program).

OSPI: Certification questions

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Certification/nbpts/Renewal.aspx> - For teachers whose certificates are due to expire, this is a look at how the NBCT process fits with renewal. There is a link to communicate questions to OSPI.

OSPI Financial Assistance

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Certification/nbpts/Candidacy/Loans.aspx> -- For teachers seeking financial assistance with the fees for National Board.

WEA: Jump Start & Homestretch

http://www.washingtonea.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1044&Itemid=101

This is where you register for Jump Start, WEA's excellent preparation event 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.

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

http://boardcertifiedteachers.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_NB_Certification.pdf