

*...And  
Your Students*



*See what others have said about  
the preparation classes and  
candidate support sessions...*

*“The pre-candidate course  
has already begun to  
improve my practice.” – Y. C.*

*“A feeling of professionalism  
and a common cause  
was the focus of all  
of the sessions.” – M. J.*

*“I like that this endeavor is  
driven by me.” – D.W.*

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## **National Board Certification Support**



*An Opportunity  
For You...*



# An Exciting Opportunity for Pennsylvania Teachers... and Their Students



## National Board Certification for Pennsylvania Teachers & School Counselors

National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize teachers who meet high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do.

The National Board currently offers twenty-five certificates in sixteen content areas to teachers who have a bachelor's degree, a teaching license, and at least three years of successful teaching experience. Candidates complete four portfolio entries and six content-based online assessment exercises, which are assessed according to national teaching standards.

Portfolios are to be postmarked by March 31 of the year after a teacher's application is processed. Online assessment center exercises may be scheduled from early January through mid-June of the year after application. Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible in the calendar year, which will provide them with the maximum amount of time to prepare portfolios and study for online assessment center exercises.

Learn more at the National Board Website at [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org).

Through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Duquesne University is one of four universities in PA that has been selected to help Pennsylvania teachers pursue the teaching profession's gold standard for excellence: certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

With a combination of funding from PDE and the Federal Government, awareness and preparation sessions and support throughout the process are provided free of cost to Pennsylvania school districts and their teachers.

The funding includes NBPTS fee support, materials, and 3 days of professional leave paid for by PDE to allow teachers to complete their work.

Duquesne University's National Board Certification Support program serves educators from school districts located in the southwestern quadrant of Pennsylvania, in Intermediate Units 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 27, and 28.

Information regarding how the program can be of assistance (free of charge to all candidates) throughout the NBPTS process may be obtained from the program coordinator.

## The National Board program at Duquesne University provides:

- Awareness and information sessions at your location
- Preparation classes offered in the spring, summer, and early fall that could be offered at your location depending on the number of teachers who are interested
- ACT 48 hours
- Opportunity to earn graduate credits
- Access to fee support scholarships
- Support sessions throughout the candidate year, both online and in person
- Access to National Board Certified Teachers who are specially trained to assist candidates

Please see our website for further information.  
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