

Seattle Education Association

2017 – 2018 SEA National Board Candidate Support Cohort Program

SEA 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 OSPI-trained facilitators who are SEA 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
Candidate meet and greet	All candidates are invited for coffee and pastries while meeting the facilitators and learning about this year’s cohorts.	Sept. 30, 9–10 am
*Foundations: Introduction to National Board (for candidates unable to attend WEA’s JumpStart)	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.	One session only: Sept. 30, 10am–4pm Jan. 20, 9am–3pm
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.	12:30-2:30 pm Nov. 4 Jan. 6 Mar. 3
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, and peer review.	9:00-11:30 am Oct. 7 Dec. 2 Feb. 3 Mar. 24 Apr. 28
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.	9:00-11:30 am Nov. 4 Jan. 6 Mar. 3 Mar. 31 Apr. 18, (4–6:30 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.	12:30-3 pm Oct. 7 Dec. 2 Feb. 3 Mar. 24 Apr. 28

What time are the meetings? Saturday meeting times vary per Component (*C3 has one Wednesday evening meeting*)

Where are the meetings held? JSCEE or SEA.

What is the cost? Candidates pay a registration fee of \$75 to finalize and confirm their place in the cohort. Candidates also pay support fees based on Components selected. Note that WEA/SEA member prices are lower. To become a SEA member contact www.seattlewea.org. See next tables for costs.

Course	WEA/SEA Member Cost	Non-Member Cost	Clock Hours
Component One	\$150	\$225	8
Component Two	\$225	\$375	16
Component Three	\$225	\$375	16
Component Four	\$225	\$375	12
*Foundations	\$100	\$150	6

***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 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/SEA member cost	Non Member Prices
Components One, Two , Three, Four	\$750	\$1,100

****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>

Reimbursement Policy:

Full payment (Component Courses and Registration Fee) is due by November 4, 2017 unless alternative arrangements are made with SEA. Failure to pay or make arrangements with SEA may result in being dropped from the Program.

A 50% refund of the course fees is available to candidates who formally withdraw by contacting SEA prior to December 1, 2017. There are no refunds for the registration fee. No refunds will be available after December 1, 2017. Any candidate who withdraws or ends participation in the SEA NB Candidate Support Program at any point during the year and chooses to participate in the program at a later date will need to resubmit full payment for the subsequent year's program.

If necessary, please contact Deb Brady at SEA to make alternative payment arrangements:
dbrady@washingtonea.org

How do I register?

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

1. Fill out the Registration Form at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/2017NBRegistration>
2. This will secure your place in the program and give us the necessary information to place you in a cohort. PRIORITY DEADLINE: September 1, 2017
3. Print out & complete the Registration form. <http://tinyurl.com/2017NBRegistration>
4. Mail this registration form with the \$75 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

Seattle Education Association.
Seattle Education Association
5501 4th Avenue South
Suite #101
Seattle, WA 98108
Attn: Deb Brady

Please note that you must register with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and pay their fees in addition to participating in the SEA 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,

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**Menu of Seattle Education Association (SEA), Washington Education Association (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 May 2017 and July 2017, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- SEA Cohort Support for C1, C2, C3, C4 (offered by Seattle Education Association)
- SEA Foundations (or attendance at WEA Jump Start*)
- OSPI Conditional Loan (must apply – first come, first served)
- WEA Jump Start* (offered by Washington Education Association during the summer of 2017)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association in the spring of 2018)

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

- SEA Cohort Support for C1, C2, C3, C4 (offered by Seattle Education Association)
- SEA Foundations (or attendance at WEA Jump Start*)
- OSPI Conditional Loan (must apply – first come, first served)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association in the spring of 2018)

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:

- SEA Cohort Support for C1 (offered by Seattle Education Association)
- SEA Foundations (offered by Seattle Education Association)
- OSPI C1 and Foundations online (available to those in rural/remote areas and offered by OSPI)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association in the spring of 2018)

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:

- SEA Cohort Support for C1 (as available from Seattle Education Association)
- OSPI C1 and Foundations online (available to those in rural/remote areas and offered by OSPI)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association in the spring of 2018)

**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 18, 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 SEA 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