National Board Certified Teacher

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| url/Resources | National Board: <http://www.nbpts.org/>Board Certified Teacher Info: boardcertifiedteachers.comHawaii Teacher Standards Board: <http://www.htsb.org/>5 Core Proposition: <http://www.boardcertifiedteachers.org/about-certification/five-core-propositions>Guide to the National Board Process: <http://boardcertifiedteachers.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_NB_Certification.pdf> |
| Why pursue NBCT | Created by teachers, for teachers, **National Board Certification** is the profession's mark of accomplished teaching. Over 110,000 have achieved certification. In Hawaii, over 500 public and private school teachers |
| Certification Areas | 25 Certificates, 16 content areas, 7 developmental levels that cover 95% of the teachers. |
| Eligibility | \*Hold a bachelor’s degree (Exception: Career and Tech Ed teachers must have met the licensure requirements for the state);\*Have completed three full years of teaching or school counseling; \*Possess a valid state teaching or school counseling license (Exception: If you are teaching where a license is not required, you have taught in schools recognized and approved to operate by the state). |
| What is included in the portfolio | Certification consists of four components: 1. Computer assessment of content knowledge, Portfolio entries – 2. Differentiation in Instruction; 3. Teaching Practice and Learning Environment; 4. Effective and Reflective Practitioner. Requirements include: student work samples, video and analysis of teaching practice, and documented impact and accomplishments as a teaching professional.  |
| Earning Certification | What is the certification score needed to ‘pass’? Because all the components are not yet available, you will need to check back next year. However, for the components available for this year, candidates need to score a minimum of 1.75/4.25 for each component. |
| Cost | Total: $1,900 (current cost), each component costs $475.00. Scholarships may be available |
| Timeline/ Deadline | Can be done in one year or over a course of 5 years. All components will be available to do in one year by SY16-17For 2015-16: Register May 2015-January 31, 2016ePortfolio deadline: April 1 – May 18, 2016Component 1 test window: March – June 15, 2016Scores Released: by December 31, 2016 |
| Certification Life | Effective 2015, need to re-certify every 5 years (changed from 10 years) |
| Compensation | $5,000 each year of certification. Fees reimbursed after certfication |
| Recertification | Every 5 years, will require only one component |
| Challenges | Time and money. NBCT has addressed both in the new format, allowing teachers extended time to complete and pay for each component. So teachers can choose to do it all in one year, or over the course of 5 years. |
| Considerations before starting | \*Time – do you have the time to devote to process? Do you have a lot of professional commitments to consider (coaching, advising, etc) as well as personal commitments (family responsibilities, 2nd jobs?). Approx. 10 hours/wk |
| Support | Provided through a Kam School/HSTA support system. Seminars provided by HTSB. |