

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION CHART
THE RESIDENCY TEACHER CERTIFICATE

VALIDITY:

- The Residency Teacher Certificate is valid for five years.

RENEWAL:

- It may be renewed for two years with verification that the teacher is enrolled in, and satisfactorily completing, a Professional Teacher Certificate program.
- If the teacher has not completed Provisional Status Employment, the individual may renew the Residency Teacher Certificate for five years with the completion of 15 qtr. hours earned since the issuance of the Residency Certificate.
- All other renewals must be appealed to the State Board of Education.

THE PROFESSIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATE

REQUIREMENTS:

- Teachers must complete a Washington State Board of Education approved college/university Professional Teacher Certificate Program.
- The individual must be employed as a contracted teacher in a public or approved private school.
- The teacher must have completed Provisional Status Employment to be admitted to a Professional Certificate Program.***
- Teachers may complete only the preassessment seminar prior to the completion of Provisional Status Employment.
- The Professional Teachers Certificate Program will consist of a preassessment seminar, a core, and a culminating seminar.
- A Professional Growth Plan (PGP) will be developed by a professional growth team consisting of the teacher, a university representative, a district representative, and a colleague of the teacher's choosing.
- The Professional Growth Plan (PGP) will identify specific professional development activities that must be completed during the program.
- A course in Issues of Abuse is required (if not previously completed).
- Upon successful completion of program requirements, the college/university will verify program completion to OSPI
- Individuals holding a National Board Certificate may apply directly to the state through an educational service district office (ESD), for a Professional Certificate in lieu of completing a Professional Teacher Certificate Program.

***Completion of Provisional Status Employment is a requirement for admission to the Professional Teacher Certificate Program. It is NOT a requirement for the Professional Teacher Certificate. Therefore, an individual who comes from out-of-state and is deemed eligible for the Professional Teacher Certificate by a Washington college or university does not have to complete Provisional Status Employment.

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ENDORSEMENTS

NEW CHAPTER:

- A new chapter of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), WAC 180-82A, has been created to describe the competency-based endorsement rules.

COMPETENCIES:

- Competencies were written and adopted by the State Board of Education for each endorsement.
- Beginning in 2003, a college/university must verify that all competencies have been met in an endorsement area in order for an individual to obtain an endorsement in that area.
- The competencies for each endorsement will be published by OSPI, but will not appear in the WAC.

ADDING AN ENDORSEMENT TO AN EXISTING CERTIFICATE:

- A teacher may add an endorsement to an existing certificate only by completing an endorsement program at an approved college/university

TESTING

BASIC SKILLS:

- The passing of a basic skills test will be required for admission to a teacher preparation program beginning September 1, 2002

CONTENT EXAMS:

- Teacher candidates will be required to pass a “content knowledge” test beginning September 2005, but the tests will be available September 2003.

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TRANSITIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE

The Transitional Teaching Certificate is for individuals whose Continuing Teaching Certificate has lapsed and who have not completed their maintenance hours.

- A school district must request the Transitional Teaching Certificate.
- It is valid for two years.
- The Transitional Teaching certificate cannot be renewed or reissued.

URL: www.k12.wa.us/cert/teacherinfo/reqmtstransitional.asp

OUT-OF-STATE TEACHER CANDIDATES

CERTIFICATES:

- Qualified applicants receive a Residency Teacher Certificate.
- They must enroll in the preassessment seminar; if the college/university determines the candidate meets requirements for the Professional Certificate, the College/ University may verify that to the Professional Education and Certification Office. The out-of-state candidate will then be issued a Professional Teacher Certificate, IF he/she has completed issues of abuse. If the individual has not completed the equivalent of the Professional Teacher Certificate Program, the person must complete provisional status employment and a Professional Teacher Certificate Program.
- Individuals who hold National Board Certification may apply for and obtain a Professional Certificate IF they have had Issues of Abuse.

ENDORSEMENTS:

- Teaching certificates are endorsed only in the area(s) in which the teacher candidate has completed a preparation or endorsement program.
- If that area is in one of the endorsement areas in Washington, the teacher receives an endorsement designated “primary” or “supporting.”
- If the teacher’s program was completed in an area in which there is no endorsement in Washington, the individual is given an endorsement in that area, but it is noted on the certificate as an “out-of-state” endorsement.
- A teacher is authorized to teach in any of the endorsement areas listed on his/her certificate.

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ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO CERTIFICATION – STATE FUNDED

All candidates complete the same teacher preparation program requirements as individuals completing regular programs. It is only the delivery system that is “alternative.”

CONSORTIA PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM ARE:

- The Southwest Washington Consortium for Teacher Development (360) 750-7500 **SPECIAL EDUCATION ONLY (APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/1/2002)**
- The South Sound Partnership (253) 535-7272 **(APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/30/2002)**
- The Puget Sound Partnership for Alternative Routes to Teacher Certification (206) 439-6905 **(APPLICATION DEADLINE 4/15/2002)**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL THREE ROUTES:

- Seeking certification in a state- identified shortage area;
- Meet the age, good moral character and personal fitness requirements (WAC 180-79A-155);
- Successfully complete the basic skills (WEST-B) and content knowledge tests (WEST-E), when available.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:

ROUTE 1

- Must have a transferable associate degree;
- Currently employed as a Washington school district classified instructional employee for at least 3 years; and
- Seeking certification in special education or English as a Second Language.

ROUTE 2

- Must have bachelor of arts or science degree;
- Subject matter expertise in a state identified shortage area; and
- Currently employed as a classified employee in a Washington school district for at least 3 years.

ROUTE 3

- Must have a bachelor of arts or science degree;
- 5 years work experience;
- Subject matter expertise in a state identified shortage area; and
- Seeking certification in shortage areas other than Special Education or English as a Second Language.

URL: <http://www.pesb.wa.gov/AlternativeRoutes/StateRoutes.htm>

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TRANSITION TO TEACHING ALTERNATIVE ROUTE – Federally Funded

All candidates complete the same teacher preparation program requirements as individuals completing regular programs. It is only the delivery system that is “alternative.”

CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM NEED TO CONTACT:

- The South Sound Partnership (253) 535-7272
- Skagit Valley Network (360) 428-6187 or svnttinfo@mv.k12.wa.us **SECONDARY MATH AND SCIENCE ONLY**
- Saint Martin’s Partnership (360) 438-4566 or cjacobs@stmartin.edu
- Seattle Public Schools Partnership (206) 252-0550 **MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH AND SCIENCE ONLY**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL THREE ROUTES:

- Must have a bachelor of arts or science degree;
- 5 years work experience;
- Subject matter expertise in a state identified shortage area;
- Seeking certification in a state- identified shortage area;
- Meet the age, good moral character and personal fitness requirements (WAC 180-79A-155); and
- Successfully complete the basic skills (WEST-B) and content knowledge tests (WEST-E), when available.

URL: <http://www.pesb.wa.gov/AlternativeRoutes/FederalRoute/TTT.htm>

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (formerly Vocational Education)

- The name Vocational Education has been changed, nationally, to Career and Technical Education.
- Central Washington University and Eastern Washington University have approved programs for individuals who are entering career and technical education with business and industry experience.
- Individuals with business and industry experience, seeking certification in a sub-category area, will have to complete one of the approved programs.
- Additional programs may be approved in June 2002.

OTHER INFORMATION

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

- The assignment policy is found in WAC 181-82-105 and 110.
- Questions should be addressed to Pat Eirish at (360) 725-6029 or peirish@ospi.wednet.edu

TEACHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

- For information regarding TAP, contact Sue Anderson at OSPI, at (360) 725-6323 or sanderson@ospi.wednet.edu

NATIONAL BOARD TEACHER CERTIFICATION

- For information regarding National Board teacher certification, contact Jeanne Harmon at 1 (877) 833-0931 or jharmon@ospi.wednet.edu

CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION (formerly Vocational Education)

- For information regarding Career and Technical Education, contact Phyllis Lawson at (360)725-6396 or plawson@ospi.wednet.edu

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WEBSITE INFORMATION

OSPI WEBSITES:

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (OSPI)	http://www.k12.wa.us
THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE	http://www.k12.wa.us/ProfEd/
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SITE MAP	http://www.k12.wa.us/ProfEd/sitemap.asp
THE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION OFFICE.....	http://www.k12.wa.us/cert/
CERTIFICATION SITE MAP	http://www.k12.wa.us/cert/sitemap.asp
APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION.....	http://www.k12.wa.us/cert/certapp/

OTHER HELPFUL WEBSITES:

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES.....	http://www.k12.wa.us/ProfEd/Colleges/collegelist.asp
CURRENT WACs (Washington Administrative Code)	http://slc.leg.wa.gov/
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICTS (ESDs)	http://www.k12.wa.us/cert/esdlist.asp
NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION.....	http://www.k12.wa.us/cert/nbpts
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD..... (Alternative Certification)	http://www.pesb.wa.gov/
RSVP WASHINGTON (Special Education Employment).....	http://www.rsvpwashington.org
WATEACH (Free Statewide Educator Employment Data Base).....	http://www.wateach.com
WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (WEA) Jobline.....	http://www.wa.nea.org/jobline/JOBLIST.htm