

## Eligibility to Teach Bridge to College English Courses<sup>1</sup>

In order to maintain the integrity of the Bridge to College courses and the associated college placement agreement, Bridge to College English teachers must annually maintain their eligibility to teach the course. To meet the various schedules and needs of teachers, we offer several professional learning (PL) options. Teachers will receive badges through Canvas to reflect their eligibility.

	Criteria	Eligibility	Badge
New Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete New Teacher Institute before teaching the course (2 days)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Eligible to teach the course the year of the training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Provisional Bridge to College English Teacher:</b> Awarded after New Teacher Institute</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Participate in Communities of Practice during first year of teaching the course (Four small group gatherings and two webinars on choice of topics)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Eligible to teach the course the year after the initial training year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Bridge to College Teacher-</b>Following year of teaching and CoP participation</li> </ul>
Returning Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete a course update by September 1 of the new school year. Course update options                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Online webinar</li> <li>○ Canvas update module</li> <li>○ Attend summer Returning Teacher Institute</li> <li>○ Have attended at least 3 COP meetings the previous year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Eligible to teach for the new school year. Must be completed each year teaching the course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Bridge to College Teacher:</b> Renewed after completion of professional learning criteria</li> </ul>

## Teacher Leadership Opportunities

All of these roles will be coordinated with the Bridge to College Leadership Team (jointly run by SBCTC and OSPI).

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<p><u>Any of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Develop and present a breakout session at a BTCE event</li> <li>✓ Lead a Community of Practice</li> <li>✓ Complete an approved project for the continued development of BTCE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bridge to College English Leader</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> Eligibility for the separate 11<sup>th</sup> grade Bridge to College Prep course will be handled the same as for Bridge to College English.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What if I completed the new teacher summer institute in the past, but then did not teach the course, but now I am teaching it for the next school year? Am I a new or a returning teacher?**

Only teachers who have taught the course and participated in all the associated professional learning (new teacher institute, CoPs, curriculum workshops) are considered Returning Teachers. You are still a New Teacher and will need to complete all the required professional learning associated with a New Teacher to be badged a Bridge to College Teacher. You may choose the online Virtual New Teacher Institute.

**What happens if a new teacher can NOT attend the in-person New Teacher Institute?**

There is a Virtual New Teacher Institute. Any new teacher registered to teach the course in iGrants that does not attend the in-person New Teacher Institute will be sent the information about the online course in mid-August and are required to complete it by September 15.

**Are there online options for the school year new teacher professional learning requirements?**

New teachers may opt to participate in a virtual CoP that meets once a month after school, as opposed to the five school days option. Teachers must decide to either do in-person OR virtual for the year – not a combination of the two. The Community of Practice is designed to be a group of teachers that reflect and collaborate throughout the year, so a teacher can't replace a missed in-person meeting with a virtual one.

**What happens when a new teacher misses a day of school year professional learning?**

New teachers may miss one day of school year professional learning. If they miss more than one day they need to make arrangements for make-up or will not be badged as a **Bridge to College Teacher** for the next school year, but rather still be considered a new teacher.

**What happens if a teacher has taught Bridge to College English in the past, but not last year, and is now teaching it again?**

If it has only been one year since they taught the course they should complete the requirements of a returning teacher by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible to teach it for the next year.

If it has been more than one year since the teacher taught the course they need to make arrangements with the state leads to update their eligibility.