Learn how you can earn an annual stipend
Accepting candidates for the 2024-26 school years

ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 5:00-8:30 PM
Zoom invitation to follow for all registrants

Learn about pursuing National Board Certification, Illinois Master Teacher Certification, and the role of the Quest Center in supporting Chicago Public School teachers through the process.

Requirements:
• 3 years teaching at current certificate level
• 3-year commitment to teaching in CPS
• Successful completion of professional profile

MUST Register Online
https://www.ctuf.org/questcenter/ntl/nationalboardcertification-informational-meeting/
or use QR Code below
When you register, be sure to include your personal email address so we can send you the Zoom invitation. It will go only to those interested teachers, counselors, and librarians who register.

For more information on Nurturing Teacher Leadership, or to register for the informational meeting, visit us online at www.ctuf.org/NTL or contact Lynn Cherkasky-Davis at (312) 329-6274 or LynCherkasky-Davis@ctuf.org.
What Is Nurturing Teacher Leadership?

Nurturing Teacher Leadership is a 2-year program of professional development and candidate support that prepares CPS teachers for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification. It includes:

✓ Weekly professional development and small group facilitation
✓ Collaboration with a cohort of other CPS teachers going through the certification process – professional learning community
✓ Technical support
✓ Assessment Center preparation simulations
✓ Individual mentoring
✓ CPS National Board Certified Teacher mentors
✓ Credits to move to Lane 5 on CPS salary scale

NTL - The sole support program for CPS teachers

The Chicago Teachers Union Quest Center’s Nurturing Teacher Leadership (NTL) program offers a small supportive group setting in which National Board Certification (NBC) candidates work collaboratively and are mentored by National Board Certified Teachers. We read, study and discuss literature and research on current issues and concepts in education, applying our new or refined insights to our teaching practice. We provide multiple resources, support, and incentives. Our focus is on developing, improving, and validating teaching, thereby increasing student achievement.

During weekly meetings, successful teaching practices are recognized and shared. NTL facilitates all aspects of the intensive 2-year NBC process. We assist teachers with descriptive, analytical, interpretative, and reflective writing required for the National Board portfolio. We provide technical assistance for required documentation of your work, facilitation with analyzing student work, professional development on differentiation of instruction, individual coaching and mentoring, and preparation for the rigorous Content Knowledge Assessment exercises. NTL supports all CPS teachers throughout the entire certification process, providing technical, professional, intellectual and moral support. After achieving National Board Certification, opportunities are available for you to support others—at a professional wage. The CTU Quest Center is teachers working for teachers to improve the achievement of Chicago’s children.

What is National Board Certification?

NBPTS Certification offers teachers the opportunity for career advancement. It:

✓ provides an advanced credential consistent with what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do,
✓ certifies that you have the status of one who has met professional teaching standards,
✓ certifies that you have prepared a professional portfolio demonstrating your teaching abilities,
✓ certifies that you have fulfilled the rigorous Assessment Content Area Exams,
✓ entitles you to receive the NBPTS endorsement on your ISBE Professional Educator License, and
✓ current Illinois NBCTs who teach in ‘hard to staff’ schools for at least two years are eligible to receive a retention award from ISBE of $8000!

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