NURTURING TEACHER LEADERSHIP

The ***National Board Certification*** Support Program for CPS teachers/counselors/librarians/speech pathologists

CHICAGO TEACHERS UNION FOUNDATION QUEST CENTER

Learn how you can earn an annual stipend!

Accepting candidates for the 2027-29 school years

ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE 2027-2029 COHORT

Tuesday, January 5th, 2027 6:00-8:30 PM

Zoom invitation to follow for all registrants

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

Requirements:

- **2 years teaching at current certificate level**
- **3-year commitment to teaching in CPS**
- **Successful completion of professional profile**



Celebrating CPS National Board Certified Teachers over the years

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, speech pathologists and librarians who register.

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Because great teachers make great schools

Chicago Public Schools

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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 – a professional learning community
- ✓ Technical support
- ✓ Assessment Center preparation simulations
- ✓ Individual mentoring
- ✓ Mentors who are active CPS National Board Certified Teachers
- ✓ Opportunities to move up the CPS salary scale

NTL- The CTU/CPS support program for teachers, counselors, librarians and speech pathologists

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 currently working in CPS. We read, study and discuss literature and research on current issues and concepts in education, applying our new or refined insights to our teaching/counseling/library/speech pathology practice. NTL provides multiple resources, support and incentives. Our focus is on developing, improving and validating teaching/ counseling/library/speech pathology practices, thereby increasing student achievement.

At weekly meetings, successful practices are recognized and shared. NTL facilitates all aspects of the intensive 2-year NBC process. We assist with the descriptive, analytical, interpretative and reflective writing required for the National Board portfolio. We provide technical assistance for required documentation of the work, facilitation with analyzing student work, professional development on topics of current standards-based pedagogical and content knowledge, individual coaching/mentoring and preparation for the Content Knowledge Assessment exercises. NTL supports all CPS teachers, counselors, librarians and speech pathologists through the entire certification process, with technical, professional, intellectual and moral support. After candidates achieve NBC, opportunities are available to support others—at a professional wage. The CTUF Quest Center, the home of NTL, is *teachers/counselors/librarians/speech pathologists* working for *teachers/ counselors/librarians/speech pathologists* to improve Chicago's children's achievement.

What does National Board Certification do for you?

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

- ✓ provides an advanced credential consistent with what accomplished teachers/ counselors/librarians/speech pathologists should know and be able to do,
- ✓ certifies that you have the status of one who has met professional standards in your National Board certificate area,
- ✓ verifies 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,
- ✓ provides NBCTs in 'hard to staff' schools the opportunity to receive a retention incentive from ISBE and
- ✓ provides CPS NBCTs an annual contractual, pensionable stipend

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Benefits of NTL/NBC

- ✓ Annual contractual, pensionable stipend
- ✓ 3-year REACH evaluation cycle for NBCTs
- ✓ Illinois NBPTS Master Designation
- ✓ ISBE PD hour requirements met
- ✓ Lane Placement & graduate credits offered
- ✓ Professional learning community
- ✓ 2 Summer Institutes - First week of August 2027 and 2028; exact dates TBD
- ✓ Public recognition
- ✓ Coaching and mentoring opportunities
- ✓ Full scholarship
- ✓ Current NBCTs teaching in 'hard to staff' schools are eligible to receive a Retention Incentive from ISBE of $20,000 over 5 years
- ✓ Joining the ranks of more than 2500 CPS National Board Certified Teachers
- ✓ **Becoming a better teacher!**

