



National Boards Cohort: Mondays, ONLINE via Zoom

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Washington Education Association's Eastern Council has been offering cohort support for National Board candidates for many years. The program is OSPI-approved, facilitated by WEA members that are NBCTs, and include **FREE** clock hours. Click [HERE](#) for the interest form to be sent the registration link!

FOUNDATIONS • \$100 • 4 clock hours

Sunday, Oct. 20, 8am-noon

OR

Sunday, Jan.12, 8am-noon

This is one four-hour workshop designed as an introduction to the four components, the 5 Core Propositions, and the Architecture of Accomplished teaching. This session is **REQUIRED** for recipients of the OSPI Conditional Loan, unless they have attended WEA's JumpStart. While two sessions will be offered, candidates should register for and attend only one.

COMPONENT 1 - Spring • \$150 • 6 clock hours

Monday, Mar. 10 4:30-6pm,

Monday, Mar. 24 4:30-6pm

AND

Monday, March 31 4:30-6pm

These are three workshops to prepare for the Assessment Center. They focus on what to expect at the assessment center, a deep dive into prompts with timed sessions to practice each of the sample Constructed Response Items (CRIs), and an overview of the breakdown of content and strategies for the Selected Response Items (SRIs). The 24-25 testing window is March 1-June 15, 2025.

COMPONENTS 2, 3, 4 • \$250 each • 15 clock hours each

4:30-7pm

Component 2 - Winter	Component 3 - Winter/Spring	Component 4 - Fall
Mon. Dec. 9	Mon. Feb. 3	Mon. Oct. 7
Mon. Dec. 16	Mon. Feb. 24	Mon. Oct. 14
Mon. Jan. 6	Mon. March 3	Mon. Oct. 28
Mon. Jan. 13	Mon. Mar. 17	Mon. Nov. 4
Mon. Jan. 27	Mon. Apr. 14	Mon. Nov. 11
Final Read deadline: 2/15/25 @11:59pm	Final Read deadline: 4/25/25 @11:59pm	Final Read deadline: 1/4/25 @ 11:59pm

**Meeting dates are approximate and subject to change slightly until the cohort has formed and the calendar has been finalized with the groups.*

The first meetings are direct instruction on the instructions, prompts, and types of writing used in the NB process. The remainder give candidates time to ask questions and receive quality feedback on their writing. In these meetings, each candidate has time to share their writing to ensure that they are providing clear, consistent and convincing evidence of their teaching before submission. The above timelines provide benchmark "due dates" in hopes that candidates have a "polished product" by the last meeting date for each Component. Portfolio submission window is April 1-May 18. Feedback turnaround is ~2 weeks if submitted by the deadline.

PROGRAM POLICIES

- **Cohort fees & deadlines:** Cohort fees are paid directly to facilitators; WEA-Eastern helps administer the program. Fees listed are separate from those paid to NBPTS, and separate from membership dues. Payment for **Foundations** and **each component** are due at registration, which is how you will get the Zoom link for the meetings. If this is a hardship, please contact your facilitator directly.
- **Refunds:** If you withdraw from Cohort participation by 10/16 (C4), 12/13 (C2), 2/13 (C3), 3/17 (C1) we will offer you a full refund. If you withdraw after those dates, we cannot issue you a refund. (If you attend Foundations, that will not be refunded)
- **OSPI Rules:** As an OSPI-approved cohort program, WEA-Eastern is bound by their rules. This is helpful for many members who use the OSPI conditional loan, which means you must attend either WEA JumpStart or Foundations. It is recommended to attend one of those regardless of the loan, as they are a great introduction to the logistics of the certification process. [Read more here.](#)
- **Time Commitment:** Pursuing your National Board Certification is no light task. You can expect EACH of Components 2, 3 and 4 to take about 50-150 hours to complete. Although one can register for Components through February in a given year, it is strongly advised that candidates choose Components in advance to have the best chance of a successful candidacy. Candidates may choose to take 1, 2 or 3 years to complete the process. Doing all 4 Components in one year will be a significant undertaking of 200-400+ hours.

FINAL READ ONLY OPTION • \$150/component

WEA-Eastern also offers the option for a final read and feedback meeting with a facilitator prior to submission for each of the components 2, 3 and 4. This option does not include access to the cohort sessions or clock hours. It also does not meet the requirement for the OSPI Conditional Loan. This option is great for retake candidates or MOC candidates. Deadline is May 9th, 2025.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

During registration you will be asked to attest that you have read this document and the included policies.