

Academy Descriptions

Foundations: (Part 1 & 2)

This academy introduces the most important information to help support a candidate through the National Board Certification process. In this Jump Start academy participants engage in the foundational concepts of the National Board. These concepts include the 5 Core Propositions which detail what a teacher should know and be able to do, effective instructional design of the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching, and the National Board Standards in the content area of your certification. Candidates will also use the information about the certification process to plan for a successful candidacy over the next two or three years. “Foundations” is a requirement for first year candidates. The Foundations academy at Jump Start will serve as one of the eligibility requirements for OSPI’s conditional loan.

Component 1: Content Knowledge (evidenced by Assessment Center)

In this Jump Start academy candidates will delve into content knowledge standards, analyze assessment center requirements and do self-reflection to identify personal content gaps. Candidates will also plan to imbed content knowledge into their day-to-day teaching context.

Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction (evidenced by Student Work)

In this Jump Start academy teachers will plan for instruction and assessment using student work as a measure of the effectiveness of their instructional practice and feedback to students. This component is classroom-based and requires differentiation to meet student needs.

Component 3: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment (evidenced by Video)

In this Jump Start academy candidates will use the component directions to understand both sections of the component requirements and the accompanying documentation for this work.

***** Important:*** *Jump Start intensive seminar is designed for teachers intending to pursue National Board Certification. Because we want to focus on providing the best support for serious candidates, we have expectations that all participants will do the following **three steps** in order to register for National Board Jump Start:*

1. Determine that you have met the [eligibility requirements](#) of National Board
2. Choose the [certificate area](#) you will pursue
3. Register as a candidate with the National Board AND pay the \$75 annual registration fee to National Board
 - To register go to the [National Board Website](#). Once there, click Apply Now and follow the directions on the application.

To get further information regarding the National Board Certification process please go to the [Board Certified Teachers website](#)

For information regarding the Washington State National Board conditional loan, please visit the [OSPI website](#)

General questions regarding Jump Start or the National Board process may be directed to [Stephanie Mikos](#) or [Cindy Rockholt](#)

Detailed descriptions and information for 2015 Jump Start:

National Board Jump Start WEA member fees are **\$50** per day, and include breakfast, lunch, beverages and snacks each day, training fees and all training materials. **All participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging.**

Up to **36 Clock Hours** are available for the National Board Jump Starts (Based on in class time, preparation work and homework during seminar); Clock Hour fees are waived for these seminars.

You will have several options for payment. Our preferred method of payment is via credit card, but you may also select the "Pay by Check" option. If selecting this option, please make your check payable to WEA for the appropriate amount (please see the payment scale below) and mail it within one week of your registration to:

Washington Education Association
Attn: Stephanie Mikos
P.O. Box 9100
Federal Way, WA 98063-9100

If you are not a WEA member and register at the member price, you may be asked via subsequent e-mail to move to a waitlist and your ticket cost will be refunded until space opens up for your non-member price attendance. *Please register from your preferred e-mail address and enter the address accurately in the boxes provided. This will help prevent any communication errors or lost emails!*

Once you have completed the registration and payment process our online system will send you an email confirmation. Please print and save the email confirmation. If you have not received a confirmation within 12 hours of registration, please email [Stephanie Mikos](mailto:Stephanie.Mikos@wea.org) for information and further instructions.

FAQs

Q. Who should attend?

- Teachers who are registered with the National Board and committed to starting the National Board process or NBCTs whose renewal is pending within a year or two should attend the Jump Start training appropriate to their needs. Priority access for open seminar seats will be given to those candidates who are officially registered with NBPTS. We regret that we will likely only be able to accommodate those who have already completed the three-years-teaching National Board eligibility requirement. We encourage those who will meet the three year requirement by the end of the school year to register for one of our summer events.

Q. How do I know which Jump Start to attend?

- If you are a candidate new to the National Board process who has registered for the 2015-16 cycle, choose the National Board Jump Start seminar.
- If you are already an NBCT whose 10-year renewal registration is due within the next year or two, choose the National Board Renewal Jump Start seminar.

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Please either wait for your scholarship determination before registering for the seminar, or select the "Pay by Check" option when registering for your Jump Start session as we are unable to issue partial refunds to those who receive a grant award but have already paid with a credit card.

Q. Is lodging included?

- *Unfortunately, no. All participants are responsible for their own travel, lodging, and substitute costs, if applicable.*

Q. Are Clock Hours available and how much will they cost?

- Up to 36 Clock Hours are available for the National Board Jump Starts;
- Clock Hours are available for the Renewal Jump Start seminar for NBCTs;
- Clock Hour fees are waived for WEA Jump Start seminars (no fee).

Q. Who do I contact with additional questions?

- **Washington Education Association (WEA)** - this is the Washington State Teachers Union to whom you pay your monthly dues if you are a WEA member. We bargain contracts for our members and provide additional services and trainings. As part of our member services we offer several National Board trainings to our WEA members: 1) Jump Starts (new candidate and Renewal) to help you at the beginning of your National Board process to understand the requirements and suggest appropriate approaches to the process, and also in your 10-year renewal process, and 2) Home Stretch toward the end of the year to make sure you have not overlooked details and to give you feedback on your National Board entries. It is to WEA that you pay your Jump Start or Home Stretch seminar fees, and these are separate from the fee you pay to the National Board for Professional Teaching standards to obtain your National Board certification. WEA occasionally offers financial assistance for our seminar fees, but this is not connected in any way with the OSPI National Board conditional loan. We are located in Federal Way and you can learn more about us at www.washingtonea.org or by calling 253-765-7076.
- **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)** - this is the national organization with whom you register and to whom you pay your National Board fees to begin the process to obtain National Board certification. They are located in Washington, DC and your National Board ID number comes from them. You can learn more about NBPTS at: www.boardcertifiedteachers.org or by calling 1-800-22-TEACH.
- **Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)** - this is the Washington state office that offers and assigns scholarships to Washington State teachers who apply for the state Conditional Loan to pay their National Board registration fees. OSPI requires that those who are awarded loans connect with a local Cohort Group to help guide them throughout the year-long process toward National Board certification. They are located in Olympia and you can learn more about the state role in National Board certification at www.k12.wa.us or by calling 360-725-6119.

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Q. What do I need to register?

- You will need your WEA membership ID if you wish to register at the member price. If you are having difficulty locating your WEA membership card, you may continue to register without it and we will find it for you.
- You will also need your National Board Candidate ID number. Jump Start participants must be registered as candidates with the National Board prior to the start of their Jump Start seminar.
- You must read the [NBPTS Guidelines for Ethical Candidate Support policy](#) as you will be asked during registration to verify that you have read and will follow the guidelines. [Click Here](#) to read the policy.

****Please Note:** To run each seminar we require at least 25 registrants. If there are insufficient numbers, we will fully reimburse registrations that have been submitted. Course registration will close if a given event reaches capacity.*

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