



**COLORADO**

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## National Board Teacher Certification Program

In an effort to address teacher shortages in the state, the Colorado Department of Higher Education is responsible for leading the work to recruit and retain teachers in rural areas. National Board Certification is an opportunity to retain excellent in-service teachers by honoring the hard work that teachers do to become certified and act as leaders in their field.

## Become a part of Colorado's statewide National Board Rural Cohort

National Board Certification was designed to *develop, retain* and *recognize* accomplished teachers and generate ongoing school-wide improvement across our nation. It is the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education--and we want *you* be a part of our cohort.

**Apply Today!**

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021.** [Click  
here to apply.](#)

### Why Get Certified?

- ▶ **Students learn more.** A decade of [research](#) shows that students of board-certified teachers learn more than their peers without board-certified teachers and outcomes are even greater for minority and low-income students.
- ▶ **Teachers improve their practice.** Board certification allows teachers to hone their practice, showcase their talent in the classroom and demonstrate their dedication to their students and their profession.
- ▶ **Demonstrate a commitment to excellence.** Schools with national board certified staff members have better morale, improved retention and increased community involvement.

### Why Certify NOW?

- ▶ **Who? YOU.** We are in the process of recruiting up to 20 educators to join the Year Four Rural National Board cohort. Cohort member receive [financial support](#) provided by the Colorado Center for Rural Education.
- ▶ **When?** The Year Four Rural Cohort will launch with an in-person "Jumpstart" on Saturday, October 9, 2021, and Sunday, October 10, 2021, from 8 am - 3 pm, location TBD. After the Jumpstart, candidates will participate in monthly virtual support sessions led by the Year Four facilitators. Candidates will complete Components 1 & 2 during the first year of candidacy(2021-2022). Components 3 & 4 will be completed during the candidates' second year (2022-2023).

### What's in it for you?

- ▶ Join a network of **more than 1,000 accomplished Colorado board certified educators** working to improve outcomes for students across our state.
- ▶ Join the **more than 91,000 educators nationwide** who are recognized as experts in their field.
- ▶ **Boost your career.** NBCT's are often sought out for **leadership positions** in their schools, districts and states, impacting education within and beyond their own classrooms.
- ▶ **Financial benefits:** NBCT's have historically earned a [state-level stipend](#) for every year of active certification and are eligible for the [Master Teacher Certificate](#) (extending the professional five-year license to seven years).

*Stipend recipients will be selected using a random lottery draw. See application for more info.*

#### For More Information

Contact the Colorado Center  
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