

MTEA National Board Cohort: 2024-2025 Candidate Support Syllabus

National Board certification is the highest level of certification a teacher can attain, with personal, professional, and monetary rewards. This cohort will meet monthly to explore various components of the certification process and provide support for MTEA and area WEAC candidates. Each session will generally begin with a presentation sharing tips and strategies for tackling the required components for certification (~1hr), followed by time for candidate Q&A and opportunities to work with other members of the cohort as well as with trained mentors.

Date	Time	Topic <i>(These may be adjusted based on candidate needs)</i>
Session 1 Thursday October 3, 2024	5:00-7:00	What is National Board Certification? Learn about what is involved in this rigorous process and what resources and financial incentives are available to assist candidates.
Session 2 Thursday October 24, 2024	5:00-7:00	Getting Started with National Board Certification Dive into the National Board standards, the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching, and the 5 Core propositions of National Board certification. A brief overview of the components will be given to allow candidates to be able to decide which component(s) to work on this year.
Session 3 Thursday November 14, 2024	5:00-7:00	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction Learn strategies for selecting and analyzing student work samples to plan and implement appropriate differentiated instruction for those students.
Session 4 Thursday December 12, 2024	5:00-7:00	Component 4: Effective Educator Receive guidance for selecting appropriate assessments, identifying professional learning needs, and analyzing impact on student learning.
Session 5 Thursday January 16, 2025	5:00-7:00	Component 3: Teaching Practice & Learning Environment Get tips for recording instruction and strategies for effective in-depth analysis and reflection of the instruction.
MTEA National Board Celebration TBA	TBA	<i>Celebrate the new NBCTs and connect with other area NBCTs</i>
Session 6 Thursday February 13, 2025	5:00-7:00	Writing for National Boards Learn about descriptive, analytical, and reflective writing, and strategies for making sure you are addressing the prompts that are being asked.
March 7-9, 2025		<i>WEAC Writing Retreat: Wisconsin Dells</i> <i>https://weac.org/national-board-writing-retreat/</i>
Session 7 Thursday March 13, 2025	5:00-7:00	Component 1: Content Knowledge Learn study tips and strategies for preparing for and responding to the prompts on the content knowledge exam and understand how it is scored.
Session 8 Thursday April 10, 2025	5:00-7:00	Cutting the Fluff Learn strategies for getting your written components down to the required page limit for submission
Session 9 Thursday May 8, 2025	5:00-7:00	Preparing for Submission Get tips on compressing videos, merging files, and submitting components through the National Board website, as well as finishing final edits.

For more information about this monthly support program, you may contact Lauren Jagemann at ljagiel@gmail.com