Graduate Certificate
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

The Curriculum and Instruction department offers a graduate certificate in National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The graduate certificate in NBPTS is designed to (1) provide a systematic program of study for assisting experienced Kansas licensed teachers in Wichita State University’s service area to prepare for National Board Certification; (2) provide graduate study for educators desiring to research and apply their knowledge of the content they teach; (3) provide graduate study for educators desiring to research and apply their knowledge of general and subject-specific methods for teaching and evaluating student learning; (4) provide graduate study for educators to research and apply their knowledge of students and human development; (5) provide graduate study for educators to research and apply their skills in effectively teaching students from racially, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse backgrounds; and (6) provide graduate study for educators to research and apply their skills, capacities and dispositions to employ such knowledge wisely in the interest of students.

The NBPTS seeks to identify and recognize accomplished teachers who effectively enhance student learning and demonstrate the high level of knowledge, skills, abilities and commitments reflected in the following five core propositions:

- Teachers are committed to students and their learning
- Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students
- Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning
- Teachers think systematically about their practices and learn from experience
- Teachers are members of the learning community

Certificate Requirements:

Students will complete 15 hours of coursework, including 12 hours of required coursework, and three hours of electives selected in consultation with their advisor. The elective hours should address areas that could be strengthened in the students’ background and preparation.

Courses to be completed:

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<tr>
<td>CI 756</td>
<td>Introduction to National Board Certification</td>
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<td>CI 763</td>
<td>Preparing for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Process</td>
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<td>CI 766</td>
<td>NBPTS: Professional Portfolio Development</td>
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<td>CI 767</td>
<td>NBPTS: The Assessment Process</td>
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<td>CI 768</td>
<td>National Board Certification: Facilitating Accomplished Practice</td>
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A cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00 for all courses comprising this certificate program is required. The minimum acceptable grade for any course in the certificate is one that generates 2.00 grade points.
Completion process:

- Student must notify the program area in writing of intent to complete the certificate.
- In the semester the certificate requirements are met students must:
  - Prepare (with graduate advisor) and submit (to the Graduate School) a Plan of Study (for the certificate).
  - Submit an Application for Graduate Certificate, along with the $15.00 filing fee, online through the Graduation Links channel in the myWSU portal, no later than the 20th day of classes for the fall or spring semester or the 10th day of classes for the summer semester.

Admission Requirements:

Students seeking a graduate certificate must be admitted to the Graduate School in a degree program or in non-degree, Category A status.

Degree Admission – The student must have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor’s degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor’s degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor’s graduate work, and no more than 9 hours of background deficiencies in the desired field. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average.

Non-Degree, Category A – Students who already possess a graduate degree and who do not wish to pursue a second degree, should apply for non-degree, category A admission. The student must have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor’s degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor’s degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor’s graduate work. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average.

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