FUNDING FOR 750 CANDIDATES

The National Board Resource Center is excited to announce that Illinois will now be able to fund 750 candidates for the 2012-2013 cycle. This funding is intended only for candidate applications and will generate a positive impact for the expansion of NBCTs in Illinois. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of NBCTs, administrators, and R.O.Es, candidates continue to apply daily for the subsidy, with the approved list of these candidates continually increasing. The fee subsidy application and instructions can be found on the NBRC website.

Become an Assessor—Assessing for NBPTS is a great opportunity for professional development and an invaluable part of the National Board Certification process. As part of the NBPTS scoring staff, assessors participate in rigorous training so that they can score candidate responses to portfolio or assessment center exercises. Scoring is conducted throughout weeklong scoring sessions that typically occur during the summer months. APPLY NOW!

Click here for new information on scoring opportunities.

Professional Development for Schools

Take One! is a unique offering from National Board for Professional Teaching Standards that provides a standards-based approach for improving teaching practices and links student learning to effective instruction. Teachers prepare and submit one video portfolio from any of the current certificate areas of National Board Certification, plan and achieve specific learning outcomes, and adapt their teaching practices to the needs of individual students. Take One! is available to all teachers as well as induction or pre-service teachers, principals, administrators, professors in colleges of education and those who provide support for National Board Certification candidates.

Using Take One! for School Success

See how one urban district is using NBCTs in an education reform initiative in the new Chicago Public Schools Case Study.

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District Incentives for NBCTs

The NBRC is updating the data on incentives being offered to candidates and NBCTs throughout Illinois. You can help with this endeavor by completing a six-question survey. Results will be shared in a future publication.
High Quality Professional Development for Rural Secondary High School Teachers

The Institute for Chemistry Literacy through Computational Science (ICLCS) is a five-year National Science Foundation-funded MSP program led by Edee Wiziecki of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA). Through the use of authentic and near-authentic computational science tools the program has been shown to increase the chemistry literacy and chemistry-related pedagogical skills of 124 rural high school teachers across Illinois. For the past five years, this was accomplished through intensive, multi-year, summer institutes using successful curricula and methods. These institutes were enhanced with state-of-the-art science applications for the 21st century and a virtual Professional Learning Environment to support the growth of those participating, as teachers and leaders. A select group of ICLCS graduates are now participating in the Robert Noyce Master Teaching Scholars program, funded as a supplement to the ICLCS by the NSF to study the effectiveness of the intervention over the course of four years. This program provides support in the form of funding and mentoring to help teachers achieve National Board Certification in science. This designation is especially critical due to the extremely low number of teachers from rural school districts, who are certified in science.

In 2009, the first cohort of Robert Noyce Master Teaching Scholars participated in Take One! to strengthen their professional practice and become informed on the National Board process. This learning community engaged in conversations on aspects of their inquiry teaching in both virtual and face-to-face settings, and half of the cohorts achieved National Board Certification during the second year of the program. The new AYA Science NBCTs have been trained in mentoring and collaborated with seasoned mentors, deepening the level of learning for all involved - mentors, candidates and their students. They are currently coaching new candidates. During the third year, a second cohort began the Take One! cycle and in 2012-2013 these scholars will pursue full National Board candidacy. Click link to read the rest of the story.

SUPPORTING CANDIDATES

*NBRC Podcasts for Candidates*
*Assessment Center Preparation*
Podcasts, scripts and handouts are available to support candidates ethically prepare for the Assessment Center.

Assessment Center Cohorts
Cohorts are located throughout the state to help prepare candidates for the Assessment Center.