

Dear Illinois NBCTs,

Recently, Peggy Brookins, the president and CEO of NBPTS shared [this message](#) with NBCTs. For many of you the school year has begun while others of you eagerly await the return of students to your classroom. In these busy days of August I hope that you are finding time and space for the things you enjoy.

Upcoming events and opportunities:

Fall Candidate Fee Subsidy Application	Please share with your colleagues who are interested in beginning their National Board journey. The Illinois fall candidate fee subsidy application opens on September 1st, 2021: https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php
Live ZOOM Webinar: Learn about National Board Certification	Encourage a colleague to attend a live ZOOM webinar to learn more about National Board Certification for Teachers in Illinois on Thursday, September 9 th at 7 pm. Register here .
NBPTS Recruitment Materials	Encourage teachers to become National Board Certified! There is still time to start during the 2021-2022 school year. Please share these materials with your colleagues who are interested in pursuing certification. Narrated NBPTS Awareness PowerPoint Illinois National Board Video
Jumpstart for Maintenance of Certification (MOC)	Illinois NBCTs are invited to attend a free overview of the Maintenance of Certification/Renewal process live via Zoom. You may select from one of two sessions, Wednesday, September 15th at 7 pm or Saturday, September 18th at 10 am. Registration is required and can be accessed here . To determine if you are eligible for MOC, begin by checking your Certificate expiration date by accessing the NBCT Directory , and searching for your name. To determine when you will be eligible to pursue MOC, access the Maintenance of Certification calendar . Additional information about the MOC process can be accessed on the NBPTS MOC page .

<p>Intent to Mentor Registration</p>	<p>The intent-to-mentor registration opens September 8th. For more information about the intent to mentor program, please view this presentation.</p>
<p>Illinois Virtual Instructional Coach and Building Mentor Program</p>	<p>Professional support for first and second year new teachers and clinicians! IEA and IFT are partnering to support new teachers through the Illinois Virtual Instructional Coach and Building Mentor Program, which provides leadership roles for mentors, stipends for coaches, mentors, and new teachers at no cost to school districts. If you are interested in learning more about how your district can participate, reach out to your respective union.</p> <p>IEA - iea_coachingandmentoring@ieanea.org</p> <p>IFT - IFTcoachingandmentoring@ift-aft.org</p>
<p>Teaching in the 21st Century Conference</p>	<p>Teaching in the 21st Century Conference (T21CON) is a free, hands-on, engaging learning opportunity designed for current and aspiring educators to gain an edge in using technology in the classroom. T21CON connects attendees with resources, strategies, and a network of experts to support their careers in education. Visit the conference website for more information and to register. The NBRC will have a table at the conference, so stop by and say hi.</p>
<p>Surviving to Thriving: Cultivating Culturally Responsive Restorative Practices in the Classroom</p>	<p>The National Center for Urban Education (NCUE) is pleased to offer its first <i>virtual</i> workshop series on culturally responsive restorative practices. Learn more and register here. If you have questions, please contact NCUEISU@ilstu.edu.</p>
<p>NBPTS Core Connection Webinars</p>	<p>NBPTS offers free Core Connection Webinars. You can learn more about the content and presenters, view recordings of previous webinars as well as register for webinars here.</p>

NBCT Spotlight	Is there an Illinois NBCT you would like to nominate for National Board Resource Center's Spotlight NBCT? If so, please click on this link to complete the nomination today!
NBCT Story	Every NBCT has a story to tell about their National Board journey. Read NBCT stories and consider sharing your own here .
ISBE Weekly Emails	Subscribing to weekly ISBE emails is a great way to stay informed about education events throughout the state and to learn about leadership opportunities. Use this link to access the ISBE form.
NBRC Communications	Did you retire this year? Have you moved to a different school or had a change of address? Please complete this form to help us keep our records up to date so we can continue to reach out with opportunities and information.
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NBPTS recently released the Certification Rate under the updated National Board process. Of all teachers receiving a certification decision since 2017, the year the National Board revised its assessment, 70% earned the National Board Certified Teacher designation. Read more about the [certification rate](#).

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve student learning in our state!

Jennifer