

Becoming a National Board Certified Teacher

National Board Certification candidate subsidies of \$2000 are available for teacher candidates through the Illinois State National Board Resource Center for the 2013-2014 school year. This certification is designed to help you become an even better teacher while validating your professional strengths . It leads to being eligible to be an Illinois Master Teacher and can increase your salary.

Take One!, an introduction to National Board certification, provides a way to learn about the teaching standards for the certification, the process of analyzing your teaching and how to more deeply reflect on your practices. Take One is an introduction to the National Board Teacher Certification process through analysis of a video of your classroom learning environment. There is a subsidy for the entire cost of Take One that is available as well.

Learn more about the two main choices for the National Board candidacy process, full candidacy or "Take One" at the National Board Professional Teaching Standards Site: www.nbpts.org . Find out more information by going to the website or contacting, Ann Schinske, Catherine Kaduk or David Carroll.

Mentoring for candidates is available. There is the possibility of course credit applicable to Career 203 for NBCT candidates as well,-- up to 9 credit hours through Aurora University.

Teachers interested in National Board Certification candidacy or the Take One introduction can apply for a candidate fee subsidy. The application for the subsidy funding must be completed and uploaded to the National Board Resource Center. The window to apply is August 15th to September 30th Learn more about funding opportunities for being a candidate at the Illinois State National Board Resource Center: <http://nbc.illinoisstate.edu/>

Choices:

- FULL CANDIDACY --- Teachers reflect on teaching in four entries and assessments. The subsidy is \$2000.00 for each teacher to offset the application fee of \$2565.
- TRY OUT THE PROCESS - TAKE ONE -- The program walks teachers through one National Board process entry-- reflecting on a videotape of their teaching the current year. Some schools have multiple teachers do the process together as part of a SIP goal. The subsidy is \$395.00 and the teacher pays a \$65.00 registration fee.