

# North Carolina Department of Public Instruction National Board Certification Newsletter Fall 2010



## Let the Journey Begin!

As a North Carolina National Board Certification candidate, you have demonstrated your dedicated commitment to the teaching profession.

National Board Certification is a job-embedded form of professional development which is perfectly aligned with the new North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process.

As of today, North Carolina has over 300 first-time candidates. Many of these candidates, such as yourself, have decided to access funding through the state loan program.

Help me promote this standards-based form of professional development by asking a colleague to join you on the National Board Certification journey. The state of North Carolina will continue to accept new applications through December 31, 2010 on a first come first serve basis.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

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## Dates to Remember!

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| November 16, 2011      | Application for retake funding will be available            |
| Late November/December | 2009-2010 NBCT score release                                |
| December 31, 2010      | NC/NBPTS application deadline<br>NBPTS initial fee deadline |
| January 31, 2011       | Eligibility forms deadline                                  |
| January 31, 2011       | All payments deadline                                       |

## North Carolina Center for Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) NBC Seminar Update

The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) will be conducting support seminars for National Board candidates in the 2010-2011 cycle. These seminars provide teachers with a focused environment to work on the performance-based assessment portfolio required for National Board Certification. During these five-day residential seminars, candidates are guided and encouraged by candidate support providers and collaborate with other teachers pursuing the same NB area. National Board candidates will receive information about the NCCAT seminars by mail or email. For further information, visit: [www.nccat.org/nb](http://www.nccat.org/nb) or email [natboard.org](mailto:natboard.org).

## NCAE NBCT Caucus Tip of the Month

Candidates should start video-taping lessons for practice! The most important element of the practice is getting the audio right! Assessors must be able to identify the teacher and to hear all of what the teacher says and most of what the students say!

Submitted by,  
Jasmine Hart, NCAE NBC Caucus Network Chair



## Fall DPI NBC Candidate Support/Informational Webinars

### First-time Candidate Support Webinars:

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| October 14, 2010  | Writing for the NBC Process |
| October 19, 2010  | Let the Journey Begin!      |
| November 16, 2010 | Let the Journey Begin!      |

### Renewal Candidates:

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| October 12, 2010 | Time for Renewal |
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### Informational Webinars:

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| October 21, 2010 | NBC Awareness |
| November 9, 2010 | NBC Awareness |

To reserve your online participation, register by visiting:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/recruitment/nationalboardcertification/opportunities>



## 2010-2011 North Carolina National Board Certification Funding Options



**STATE LOAN:** The state of North Carolina will lend a low-interest loan to cover the assessment fee for eligible teachers. The 3% interest loan is repaid over four years. Repayment is not required for the initial 12 months, which is an interest free time period. Monthly payments are made for three years following this interest free time period. For more information visit: <http://dpi.state.nc.us/recruitment/nationalboardcertification/application/>.

**FEDERAL SUBSIDY:** The state of North Carolina receives Federal Subsidy funding from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. These funds are available to federally paid teachers who cannot access the state loan. This funding source pays \$1,250 or half of the assessment fee. For more information visit: <http://dpi.state.nc.us/recruitment/nationalboardcertification/application/>.

**MYCAA:** The Department of Defense provides financial assistance to military spouses interested in pursuing career enhancement opportunities. This funding source can be used for the NBPTS assessment fee. For more information visit: <http://www.umuc.edu/mycaa/>.

**NEA FOUNDATION GRANTS:** The NEA Foundation has introduced a Web-based application process for its \$2,000 and \$5,000 grants to support public school educators' ideas to improve teaching and learning. For more information visit: <http://www.nea.org/grants/16204.htm>.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** North Carolina NBC scholarships may be found at [http://www.nbpts.org/become\\_a\\_candidate/fees\\_financial\\_support/scholarships](http://www.nbpts.org/become_a_candidate/fees_financial_support/scholarships).

**DISTRICT TITLE I AND II FUNDS:** Contact your school district to inquire if these funds are available. To locate your school district NBC Coordinator visit: <http://dpi.state.nc.us/recruitment/nationalboardcertification/contacts/>.

# UNCW

## Fall Candidate Support Workshops

October 16, 2010      Multiple Assessment  
Methods and Tools

November 16, 2010      Videotaping

For additional information visit the UNCW website at [www.uncw.edu/ed/nbct](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/nbct) or contact Somer Lewis, Teacher-In-Residence  
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## North Carolina Association of Educators

## Fall National Board Certification Workshops

October 2, 2010      NBC Drive-in, Asheville, NC  
October 5, 2010      Writing Tips Webinar  
October 13, 2010      NBC Videotaping Webinar  
October 28, 2010      NBC Writing Webinar  
November 19-20, 2010      NCAE Fall NBC Boot Camp

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