

# Consider a Career with the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)



Meet Bethina Garrett,  
one of the Teacher Certification Analysts at NDE.

**Q. In a nutshell, how would you describe your job?**

A. I work on the Teacher Certification team, issuing and renewing teaching certificates for Nebraska educators.

**Q. What attracted you to NDE?**

A. When I first read the job description, I sensed the job would offer a challenge; that is what attracted me to apply for this position. After interviewing, I felt that working in Teacher Certification would be a good fit for me.

**Q. What aspect of your job do you find most fulfilling?**

A. I enjoy the customer service aspect of my position. Our office is one of the few nationwide that offers daily access to staff for questions about certification. Having contact with those we serve is very rewarding.

**Q. What do you value most about working at NDE?**

A. I value being in a position of assisting others. I love the feedback from the public, positive or negative. We are given the opportunity to fine tune our services, thus making us more effective in serving the public.

**Q. How would you describe the people at NDE?**

A. I would use words like: leaders, caring, knowledgeable, humble, and resourceful. I am impressed with the dedication of NDE employees. There is a genuine desire to provide every child in the state of Nebraska, regardless of socioeconomic status, the best possible education. Do I want to be part of something like that? Yes, I do. That is why I can see myself working for this agency until I retire.

## Learn More About NDE

Approximately 500 employees carry out the myriad duties of the Nebraska Department of Education. In broad terms, the work of NDE may be categorized into four main areas:

- Education,
- Assisting people with disabilities to join the workforce (Vocational Rehabilitation),
- Adjudication of claims for disability benefits under Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (Disability Determination Section), and
- Agency administration.

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