



Teacher Certification

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Instructions: Teaching Certificate Renewal, Initial, Standard and Professional

Requirements:

You must have **recent teaching experience or college credit hours** for renewal of the teaching certificate. Nebraska teaching experience is verified on the NSSRS system so you do not need to report. Listed below are three options to meet the requirement:

- Submit the Institutional Verification for Nebraska Certificate or Permit NDE 20-016 form, indicating teaching for one (1) year within the immediate past five (5) years half time (50%) or more in a legally operated school system while holding or qualifying to hold a regular teaching certificate

OR

- Have completed six (6) graduate semester hours in education or your content area, within the
- immediate past five (5) years while holding or qualified to hold a teaching certificate that has not expired or has expired for less than five (5) years.

OR

- If your teaching certificate has expired more than five (5) years, fifteen (15) **specific** graduate semester hours in education are required within the immediate past five (5) years. The hours must be recommended for issuance of the teaching certificate by the certification officer of your approved teacher education institution.

(a) The courses shall include:

- i. a course in instructional techniques;
- ii. a practicum consisting of one hundred or more clock hours of contact with students in the classroom setting, fifty percent of which shall consist of performing instructional duties under the supervision of a cooperating teacher,
- iii. a course or courses which address current issues in education, including but not limited to, special education, gifted education, reading and writing in the content area, and school law;

AND

- iv. the remaining course work be directly related to the applicant's area of endorsement on his/her expired certificate.

Instructions:

1. Complete the On-Line Application Form <https://online.nedoe.org/#/>. Pay the non-refundable application fee.
 - a. **OR** print the form, complete, sign and date. Blank printable application form can be found in the Forms Section of the website. <https://education.ne.gov/tcert/>. Include check or money order for the non-refundable application fee when mailing.