Thinking about your next steps in the professional career continuum? Ready for a new challenge to elevate your teaching? The edTPA was based on the National Board Certification process, so completing edTPA tasks in preservice demonstrated your working knowledge of the National Board’s *What Teachers Should Know and Be Able to Do*. Your experience in the classroom puts you on the path to National Board Certification!

**National Board Certification Process**

The National Board assessment process is similar to edTPA in that it includes reflection and analysis of evidence of real classroom practice. National Board Certification has four components:

1. **Content Knowledge Assessment**
2. **Differentiation in Instruction task**
3. **Teaching Practice and Learning Environment task**
4. **Effective and Reflective Practitioner task.**

**Make More Money! -- Illinois Policy and Support for National Board Certification**

If you are interested in taking that next career step, you can take advantage of incentives and support systems in Illinois. Currently, the state offers -- if funds are available -- a maximum $2,000 incentive toward the application or retake fee for teachers in Tier 1 school districts. Apply on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Starting January 1, 2020:

1. There will be a one-time incentive of $3,000 payable to National Board Certified teachers teaching in a Tier 1 rural or remote school district.
2. There will be a maximum incentive of $2,000 that can go toward the application or retake fee for teachers in schools other than Tier 1 schools. Apply on a first-come, first-serve basis.
3. There will be a maximum incentive of $1,000 available that can go toward the renewal application fee.

Your district may have additional financial incentives that support certification.

**Additional questions? Contact the National Board Resource Center!**

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