

## **TPEP and Certificate Renewal**

- **What are the new policies for certificate renewal that involve a TPEP requirement?**

Per RCW 28A.410.278, beginning September 1, 2016, inservice training, continuing education, or professional growth plans shall incorporate professional development on the revised teacher and principal evaluation systems under RCW 28A.405.100 as a requirement for renewal of continuing or professional level certificates.

- **Which certificate holders are required to document TPEP content?**

Professional and Continuing-level certificate holders for Administrators and Teachers, and CTE certificate holders.

- **When do I have to start documenting TPEP hours?**

Applications for certificate renewal dated September 1, 2019 and beyond must document completion of at least fifteen (15) TPEP clock hours, or at least one goal from an annual professional growth plan related to knowledge and competency of the teacher and principal evaluation criteria or system

- **I've already completed the required foundational training in my district's instructional and/or leadership framework. What else can I do?**

The state evaluation criteria and the accompanying instructional and leadership frameworks provide the foundation for maximizing educator growth and development. (For more detailed information about frameworks and criteria, click on the link to the TPEP website at:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/TPEP/Frameworks/default.aspx>)

Teachers and principals are encouraged to participate in professional learning opportunities that provide them with a "deeper dive" into the framework rubrics, and these would meet the TPEP requirement. Many ESDs are identifying the specific criteria their professional learning sessions address. Districts offering their own sessions should consider doing the same.

- **How do I know if I'm taking a course that is approved for TPEP hours?**

If unsure whether a course has been approved for TPEP hours, it is best to contact the provider for verification. The inservice form should have a check off box to certify the course qualifies for TPEP hours. If you register for a TPEP course on *pdEnroller*, the course registration page will indicate which criteria are connected to the learning.

- **I hold a National Board certificate. Do I still need to fulfill this requirement?**

No, NBCTs do not have to meet the STEM or TPEP requirements for certificate renewal. However, NBCTs do have the same evaluation requirements as other certificated staff in their positions.