

**WAC 181-79A-247 Certificate renewal options.** (1) **Professional growth plans.** Individuals may use professional growth plans towards meeting the continuing education requirement for certificate renewal. Professional growth plans are defined in WAC 181-85-033. For educators holding multiple certificates in chapter 181-77 or 181-79A WAC, a professional growth plan for teacher, administrator, educational staff associate, or paraeducator shall meet the continuing education requirement for all certificates held by an individual which is affected by this section.

(2) **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification.** Each holder of a certificate affected by this chapter may present a copy of a valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in lieu of the completion of the continuing education credit hours required by this chapter.

(a) A professional certificate renewed with a valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater.

(b) A professional certificate cannot be renewed with the same National Board Certificate used to obtain that professional certificate.

(3) **National Association of School Psychologists credential.** Each holder of a certificate affected by this chapter may present a copy of a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential issued by the National Association of School Psychologists in lieu of the completion of the continuing education credit hours required by this chapter.

(4) **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association certificate.** Each holder of a certificate affected by this chapter may present a copy of a valid certificate of clinical competence (CCC) issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) in lieu of the completion of the continuing education credit hours required by this chapter.

(5) **Behavior analyst certificate.** Hours used to maintain a valid Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certificate from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board, will be considered by the professional educator standards board as continuing education credit hours, and may be used towards the continuing education credit hour requirement for renewal.

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