

New language on the Professional Certificate
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WAC 180-78A-540 Approval standard -- Knowledge and skills. (1) Teacher. A successful candidate for the teacher professional certificate shall demonstrate:

(a) The knowledge and skills for effective teaching which ensure student learning by:

- (i) Using instructional strategies that make learning meaningful and show positive impact on student learning;
- (ii) Using a variety of assessment strategies and data to monitor and improve instruction;
- (iii) Using appropriate classroom management principles, processes and practices to foster a safe, positive, student-focused learning environment;
- (iv) Designing and/or adapting challenging curriculum that is based on the diverse needs of each student;
- (v) Demonstrating cultural sensitivity in teaching and in relationships with students, families, and community members;
- (vi) Integrating technology into instruction and assessment; and
- (vii) Informing, involving, and collaborating with families and community members as partners in each student's educational process, including using information about student achievement and performance.

(b) A successful candidate for the professional certificate shall demonstrate the knowledge and skills for professional development by:

- (i) Evaluating the effects of his/her teaching through feedback and reflection;
- (ii) Using professional standards and district criteria to assess professional performance, and plan and implement appropriate growth activities; and
- (iii) Remaining current in subject area(s), theories, practice, research and ethical practice.

(c) A successful candidate for the professional certificate shall demonstrate professional contributions to the improvement of the school, community, and the profession by:

- (i) Advocating for curriculum, instruction, and learning environments that meet the diverse needs of each student; and
- (ii) Participating collaboratively in school improvement activities and contributing to collegial decision-making.