



## ProTeach Support: General Information

The Washington ProTeach Portfolio Assessment becomes mandatory for all residency certificate holders seeking the professional teaching certificate on September 1, 2011. This means that the professional certificate will no longer be earned directly through a university program, but rather by passing a state level portfolio assessment. SPU will continue to offer ProTeach support seminars through our partnering schools and districts as well as online.

### Washington State Provisions

1. Each Candidate must satisfactorily address 3 standards and criteria through 3 required portfolio entries.
2. Each Candidate must develop a Professional Growth Plan (PGP) based upon the 12 criteria by completing a needs assessment.
3. Each candidate must form a Professional Growth Team (PGT). The PGT includes a teacher colleague, a district and a university representative.

### Benefits for SPU Support Program

While it is possible to complete the ProTeach Portfolio Assessment Independently by using the materials provided on the ProTeach website, many candidates will find a need for assistance and feedback as they develop their portfolios. A support seminar is a class offering a cohort of peers, all working on their ProTeach portfolio, and a trained facilitator who is knowledgeable regarding how to prepare portfolio entries and present evidence to increase your odds of success. The support seminar provides:

- Strong relationship with a team of advisors
- Maximized peer support through a cohort approach.
- Coordinated study with master's degree programs

The SPU program is primarily one of self-assessment, planning, and performance demonstration. Seminars are highly collaborative and include mentoring and support to complete the portfolio requirements that lead to the Professional Certification.