ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Gonzaga University Pro Teach Portfolio Support Program is grounded in the unique identity and mission of both the University and the School of Education (SOE). It is built on the values at the heart of those missions: service leadership, academic excellence, social justice, and reflective and collegial practice. Upon this foundation, we have designed a program to serve teachers by equipping and encouraging them to meet the Professional Teaching Standards (WAC 180-78A-540) in the areas of effective practice, professional development and leadership.

The program is set up to connect with and support the professional responsibilities of educators while exploring the nature of those responsibilities. It uses a cohort structure for improved personal contact, increased professional relationships, and certification continuity. After the initial background information, candidates continue to prepare their ProTeach portfolio with University support.

Site-based cohorts in the eastern Washington region may be formed through partnership with the School of Education with a minimum of 6 candidates.

Program Design:

The first portion of the program develops the model of professional practice we support at the SOE:

Candidates will:
- Explore the nature & dynamic of reflective practice
- Convene and equip a Professional Growth Team (PGT) to support his/her professional development
- Become familiar with the state requirements for the ProTeach Portfolio
- Create a viable and meaningful Professional Growth Plan (PGP)

At completion, candidates will have a PGP that dictates the shape of their program core. The capstone is the ProTeach Portfolio, which recognizes the PGP and portfolio (though the support program cannot guarantee passing the portfolio).

Candidates will be supported through cohort meetings, online communication, and one-on-one discussion. Tech assistance will also be available to aid the candidate in the completion of the online ProTeach Portfolio.

Requirements & Admission materials:

Candidates will be registered for the ProTeach support program upon submission of the SOE ProTeach Application.

This site-based, 6-credit program offers a reduced tuition rate of $175 per credit. Course fees will be due by the first night of the program series.

Website:

Please visit our ProTeach program website at **www.gonzaga.edu/soe/proteach**.

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WHY GONZAGA UNIVERSITY PROTEACH?

- **Face-to-face meetings** - Cohorts meet once a month for 3 hours (typically 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.). If there is another cohort in the area, the candidate may choose which cohort to attend each month.

- **Cohort size** - Cohorts will be no larger than 15 candidates. We must have at least 6 to launch a site.

- **ETS compatibility** - Candidates do not have to be registered for ProTeach with ETS in order to participate. All material may be cut and pasted into the ETS portfolio at any time!

- **Professional guidance** - Sharon Straub, a former public school teacher and Washington State ProTeach lead scorer, will read all documents prior to submission and give feedback. She is also available for consultation at all times by phone or email.

- **Gonzaga's historical pass rate is 99%** - 99% of our candidates who complete all the requirements for the cohort pass on their first submission. All candidates have passed upon second submission. Support is offered for resubmission if necessary.

- **6 graduate credits, equating to 90 clock hours**, are included in the support provider fee.

- **Cost**: $1050 payable by check or credit card. $700 is due the first night of the cohort (September) and $350 due in January.