WAC 181-79A-206  Academic and experience requirements for certifica-
tion—Teachers. Candidates for teachers' certificates shall com-
plete the following requirements in addition to those set forth in WAC
181-79A-150.

(1) Initial/residency.
Candidates for the initial or residency certificate shall hold an
approved baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
pursuant to WAC 181-79A-030(5).

(2) Continuing.
(a) Candidates who apply for a continuing certificate shall have
at least forty-five quarter hours (thirty semester hours) of upper di-
vision and/or graduate work completed from an accredited institution
of higher education subsequent to the conferral of the baccalaureate
degree: Provided, That if the individual is pursuing study in a new
subject matter area or specialization, lower division (freshmen or
sophomore level) credit hours in that subject area or specialization
shall be accepted toward continuing certification upon completion of
the requirements for an endorsement in that subject area or speciali-
zation.
(b) Candidates applying for a continuing certificate prior to
September 1, 2000, shall have been granted at least two subject area
endorsements.
(c) Candidates who apply for a continuing certificate who have
not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on is-
sues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as de-
finied in WAC 181-79A-030(6).
(d) Candidates for continuing teachers' certificates shall pro-
vide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent
or more satisfactory teaching experience with an authorized employer—
i.e., school district, state agency, college or university, private
school, or private school system—and at least thirty days of such em-
ployment with the same employer.

(3) Professional.
(a) Candidates for the professional certificate shall have suc-
cessfully completed the external portfolio of evidence assessment
adopted by the professional educator standards board. The professional
certificate requires successful demonstration of the three standards
(effective teaching, professional development, and professional con-
tributions) and twelve criteria, pursuant to WAC 181-79A-207.
(i) A candidate may submit a portfolio of evidence to the exter-
nal assessment for evaluation following two years of successful teach-
ing in a state-approved public, private or state operated education
program for children as defined in Title 28A RCW: Provided, the candi-
date was employed at least three-quarters time each year or a total of
one and one-half full-time equivalent over a minimum of two years as
defined in WAC 392-121-212. The portfolio assessment elements shall be
determined by the professional educator standards board and include
requirements for the candidates to prepare and submit a professional
growth plan approved and supported by a professional growth team.
(ii) A professional growth plan identifying the specific compe-
tencies, knowledge, skills and experiences needed to meet the stand-
ards set forth in WAC 181-79A-207 is prepared by the candidate for a
professional certificate, in collaboration with members of the profes-
sional growth team. The candidate will identify a professional growth
team as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(14).
(iii) Teacher professional certificate portfolio evidence of assessment pilot participants who have not attended a program but received a "met criteria" on all entries submitted to the pilot assessment would receive the professional certificate and not be required to attend a program.

(b) Provided, individuals who hold a teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) shall be deemed to have met the requirements of the professional certificate, in place of the requirements in (a) of this subsection.

(c) Candidates who apply for a professional certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6).

(d) Candidates who have successfully completed the requirements for the professional certificate prior to the expiration of their residency certificate which would subject them to reinstatement according to WAC 181-79A-251 (1)(a)(iii) but failed to apply for the certificate may apply for the professional certificate.