Progressing to the Professional Teaching Certificate

**Before July 1, 2018**

The Professional Teaching Certificate* is valid for up to 5 years and may be applied for any time requirements are met.

Beginning July 1, 2018, Effectiveness ratings in accordance with [MCL 380.1531j](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/legislature/20180616-HouseBill0086-001.pdf) will be required to progress to the Professional Teaching Certificate.

**Please note the following information regarding application submission:**

- Teachers applying BEFORE July 1, 2018 still must have met all requirements for the Professional Teaching Certificate PRIOR to July 1, 2018.
- Application documents do not need to be received prior to July 1, 2018 in order to be considered as meeting the requirements. But teachers must submit their applications prior to July 1 and must have met all requirements prior to July 1.
- An application remains active in the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) for 2 years. After 2 years, the application becomes inactive and the educator must re-apply and meet new requirements.

**Requirements:**

1. 3 years of successful teaching since the issue date of the initial Standard Teaching Certificate, within the content areas and grade level of the Standard Teaching Certificate; and

2. 6 semester credit hours of reading methods course work for elementary teachers and 3 semester credit hours for secondary certified teachers. If you completed your teacher preparation program in Michigan since 1985, you have met this requirement; and

3. 3 semester credit hours of reading diagnostics and remediation, which includes a field experience. This credit can be applied toward the professional learning requirement listed below assuming the credit was earned after the issue date of the most recent certificate or renewal; and

4. **Education-related professional learning** totaling 150 hours; or

An education-related master’s or higher degree earned at any time (even if previously utilized to renew the Standard Teaching Certificate) from a regionally accredited college or university.
Education-Related Professional Learning Options:
One of the following education-related professional learning options must be earned since the issue date of the most recent Standard Teaching Certificate or renewal, and they must be entered into Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) prior to applying for the renewal for the system to recognize your eligibility:

- 6 semester credit hours appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement from a regionally accredited college or university; or
- 6 semester hours in a planned course of study** from a regionally accredited college or university; or
- 150 Michigan State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement; or
- 150 hours of Michigan District Provided Professional Development (DPPD) appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement.
- Any combination of the above.

Education-Related Professional Learning Hour Conversion:
- College credit: 1 semester credit = 25 professional learning hours
- SCECH Hours: 1 SCECH hour = 1 professional learning hour
- DPPD Hours: 1 DPPD hour = 1 professional learning hour

Note: The above information is valid for those applying for the Professional Teaching Certificate before July 1, 2018. For those applying beginning July 1, 2018 please use this guidance document.

*The Professional Teaching Certificate replaces the Professional Education Certificate pursuant to Administrative Rule 390.1101.

**Credits in a planned course of study may include credits taken as part of an education-related master’s or higher degree or credits in a program that leads to an endorsement.