

Online Information Sessions For Prospective Teachers

(NAPSA)—America needs millions of new teachers over the next decade. If you are considering a career in the classroom, now is the time to learn more about becoming a teacher.

Individuals who want to change careers and enter the teaching profession can attend free online information sessions to learn how to earn their certification.

The sessions are offered by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (www.abcte.org), a nonprofit organization that receives grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

The sessions are offered several times per month. Each seminar lasts one hour, featuring a short video and a moderated, real-time question and answer session. During the online presentations, information is provided about the American Board's Passport to Teaching certification program.

Passport to Teaching is recognized as a premier national route to teacher certification for career changers. To earn the certification, individuals must hold a If you are considering changing careers and becoming a teacher, join an online information session to learn more.

bachelor's degree, demonstrate mastery on the American Board's rigorous subject area and professional teaching knowledge exams, and pass a federal background check. Additional college courses are not required unless the certification candidate chooses to participate in them for preparation purposes.

Candidates for certification work via the internet with an experienced advisor to develop an Individualized Learning Plan in preparation for certification exams. The application fee for the certification ranges from \$500-\$750.

Several U.S. states recognize Passport to Teaching as a route to state certification. The program is also recognized by many charter and private schools nationwide.

To register or receive more information, call 1-877-669-2228 or visit www.abcte.org.