

Intertribal nəxʷsłáyəmúçən Teacher Certification

nəxʷsłáyəmúçən Teacher Certification serves as a subject area endorsement in first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions. Certification is conducted by an independent **Intertribal nəxʷsłáyəmúçən Certification Board** (formerly the Klallam Language Certification Board).

Competencies

Candidates for nəxʷsłáyəmúçən teacher certification must:

1. Have knowledge of the history and the traditional and modern culture of the nəxʷsłáyəm' people.
2. Be able to hear, produce, and describe the sounds of nəxʷsłáyəmúçən.
3. Have acquired a substantial vocabulary in nəxʷsłáyəmúçən .
4. Be familiar with the *Klallam Grammar* and the *Klallam Dictionary*
 - Be able to produce and use sentences appropriately in nəxʷsłáyəmúçən .
 - Be able to understand and explain sentence structures in nəxʷsłáyəmúçən .
 - Have the ability to read and write nəxʷsłáyəmúçən using the standard writing system.
5. Be able to tell a story, make a speech, have basic conversations in the nəxʷsłáyəmúçən .
6. Have attended training in classroom management.

Demonstration of competencies

To demonstrate the acquisition of competency as a nəxʷsłáyəmúçən teacher the candidate must:

1. Tell a story or give a speech in nəxʷsłáyəmúçən before the Intertribal nəxʷsłáyəmúçən Certification Board.
2. Participate in a brief, sustained conversation in nəxʷsłáyəmúçən with the nəxʷsłáyəmúçən Board.
3. Present to the Intertribal nəxʷsłáyəmúçən Certification Board an instructional unit of the candidate's own choosing and design that shows abilities in:
 - curriculum development
 - knowledge of nəxʷsłáyəmúçən sounds
 - nəxʷsłáyəmúçən vocabulary
 - knowledge of nəxʷsłáyəmúçən grammar
 - reading and writing the nəxʷsłáyəmúçən standard writing system
4. Observe or participate in at least one term of classes in nəxʷsłáyəmúçən at the appropriate level.

Recertification

To maintain certification status, nəxʷsłáyəmúçən teachers with Basic certification must undergo recertification every five years. Evidence of continued involvement in teaching the nəxʷsłáyəmúçən is sufficient for recertification.

The Intertribal nəxʷsłáyəmúçən Certification Board

The Intertribal nəxʷsłáyəmúçən Certification Board awards certificates of teaching competency at two levels: **Basic** and **Advanced**. For the **Basic** level the certification candidate minimally satisfies and demonstrates the required competencies. For the **Advanced** level of certification, the candidate demonstrates competency in nəxʷsłáyəmúçən significantly beyond the Basic level.

The Intertribal nəxʷsłayəmúçən Certification Board consists of up to nine (9) regular members—a maximum of three (3) members from each of the Klallam communities. Board members must have achieved Advanced certification. New board members are selected by consensus decision of the current board.

Certification exams are conducted as needed. A majority of the Intertribal nəxʷsłayəmúçən Certification Board must be present at the certification exam.

Potential candidates for certification should contact a board member to arrange for a certification exam.

The initial board members in January 2003 were:

Bea Charles, Adeline Smith, Walt Bennett, and Tim Montler.

Board members in 2009: Adeline Smith, Jamie Valadez, Tim Montler.

Board members in 2013: Jamie Valadez, Wendy Sampson, Tim Montler.

Board members in 2021: Jamie Valadez, Wendy Sampson,

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