



MINNESOTA BOARD OF TEACHING

Dear Minnesota Educator:

Thank you for your interest in the new Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations program. On behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching, I encourage your participation in these new and upcoming test development activities. Please take the time to apply online or nominate your colleagues for consideration in serving on a Content Advisory Committee or the Bias Review Committee.

Program Information

The Board of Teaching has initiated the redevelopment of the Minnesota teacher licensure tests. Beginning in fall 2010, the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations will be the statewide uniform means of assessing the basic skills, pedagogical, and subject area knowledge of Minnesota K–12 teacher candidates.

The Board of Teaching, created in 1973, provides leadership for improvements in teacher preparation in order to assure that the state has well-qualified, professional teachers. We have contracted with the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson to facilitate the test development and administration of the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations.

Involvement of Minnesota Educators

The Board of Teaching is committed to involving exemplary educators in all aspects of the test development process. This helps us ensure that teacher candidates who successfully complete the licensure tests have demonstrated the knowledge that is essential for the job of an educator in Minnesota schools.

The involvement of Minnesota classroom teachers and higher education faculty from diverse backgrounds (i.e., cultural diversity; geographic representation; and members from urban, rural, and suburban areas of Minnesota, etc) is critical to the success of the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations program.

Test Development Opportunities

Educators are needed to assist the Board of Teaching with many test development activities. Activities may include:

- Review of the test objectives;
- Development and validation of test items;
- Field testing of new test items;
- Assisting with the establishment of passing scores.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to e-mail the Committee Recruitment Group at the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson at EvaluationSystemsCRG@pearson.com.

I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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