

RENEWAL CREDIT FOR SERVICE IN A STUDENT TEACHING PROGRAM

To earn recertification in Iowa, licensed teachers and administrators must earn semester hours of college credit or approved staff development renewal credits. Teachers and administrators who do not hold a Master Educator License are expected to document six hours of credit every five years and educators who hold a Master's Degree must document completion of four hours every five years. The Board of Educational Examiners recently adopted rules that allow **a maximum of one** of the required credits to be completed in the form of documented professional activities which relate directly to the training/development of teachers or administrators. The following describes the approved system in which *three points would be needed to earn one renewal credit*:

Renewal points must be earned within the term of the license being renewed. *It should be noted that cooperating teachers will continue to be compensated monetarily for serving as a cooperating teacher for a student teacher (as directed by state code), and that renewal credit would be applied for independently by those teachers wishing to receive it.*

Documented participation in any of the following activities could be used toward the acquisition of **three points** which would convert into **one** renewal credit:

- serving as a cooperating teacher for a full semester student teacher is worth **two** points *
- serving as a cooperating teacher for a half-semester student teacher is worth **one** point *
- serving as a cooperating teacher for a practicum or practicum students (early field experience) equivalent to *60 contact hours* is worth **one** point (hours may be accrued over several semesters) *
- attending (from start to finish) a "Cooperating Teachers' Workshop" *in conjunction with* serving as a cooperating teacher with a student teacher or practicum student is worth **one** point
- serving as a multi-year member of a teacher education program's advisory committee is worth **one** point

Educators will be expected to record their own professional activities for each five year period. On the following pages are forms that are to be used to document each professional activity.

Once the educator has earned the three points which can be converted into one renewal credit, the educator will document this by having a school district administrator (e.g., principal, superintendent, etc.) sign the verification form titled "Certificate of Professional Activities for Renewal Credit"; the teacher must submit this form which documents one renewal credit along with other licensure renewal materials to the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.

* Should a student be removed from a student teaching or practicum placement, the cooperating teacher would maintain point eligibility.

<http://www.state.ia.us/boee/forms/StudentTeacherCredit.pdf>