

APPLICATION INFORMATION

This application is valid **ONLY** for the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program 2026-27 award year for classes that **BEGIN** on or after July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a Nebraska institution

Current and previous recipients must apply each year to be considered for funding.

**CCPE suggests meeting with an academic advisor prior to the date the application will open. The application will require you to select the courses you will be taking for the 2026-2027 academic year.*

Application Requirements

To be considered for Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP) funds, the application must be completed in its entirety and submitted.

Application Submission

The application will be available on the [Excellence in Teaching Act \(ETA\) Website](#) on the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's (CCPE) webpage for [EETP](#) beginning approximately **April 15, 2026**. The deadline to submit a completed application to your institution is **May 15, 2026**. Institution representatives have until **June 1, 2026**, to review and approve all submitted applications.

Those whose applications are approved by the ETA Specialist will receive a "Welcome Email" detailing important information regarding the award. A second email will include an EETP Loan Contract that **must** be completed, signed, and returned to CCPE prior to any funds being made available. A delay in returning the contract may result in a postponement of available funds or the withdrawal of the loan award. Notification of non-award will be sent via email. **FUNDS CAN ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER JULY 1, 2026.**

CCPE Contact Information

Requests for information or questions regarding the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program may be directed to Celeste Thompson, CCPE, at 402-471-4454 or celeste.thompson@nebraska.gov.

Qualifying Category 1 – Shortage Area Graduate Degree Program

Qualifying Category 2 – Shortage Area Added Endorsement Program

Qualifying Category 3 – Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Degree Program

Qualifying Category 4 – A degree that will result in an additional secular teaching endorsement or approval to teach postsecondary courses by a Nebraska postsecondary educational institution in a subject area not considered a shortage area which the superintendent of the school district or head administrator of a nonpublic school believes will be beneficial to the students of the school district or school;

Qualifying Category 5 - Graduate Degree Program in the subject area on your current teaching certificate

Qualifying Category 6 – Graduate Degree Program that is not a shortage area and is requested by your School Administrator