

# Portfolio Option

“not new” teachers

- Minor or minor equivalency

**Or**

- Minimum **three years** teaching experience in the area

**And**

- \* **Successful completion of portfolio**

# Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Web site:</b>	<a href="http://www.state.nd.us/espb">http://www.state.nd.us/espb</a>
<b>What is the mission of the portfolio model?</b>	The ESPB Portfolio-Based Assessment Model is designed to provide a means for current North Dakota teachers to demonstrate their content knowledge in order to meet state and federal guidelines for “highly qualified” status.
<b>Who is the audience for this electronic portfolio?</b>	All North Dakota educators with at least three (3) years teaching experience in the content area.

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**What technology is used for the electronic portfolio?**

1. Access to a computer with **Internet** connection with **Internet Explorer** or **Netscape** installed.
2. **No other** client software is required; however, **Adobe Acrobat Writer** would be beneficial.
3. Access to a **scanner** or **digital camera** would be beneficial.
4. The electronic portfolio will be **web-based** and **template driven**.

**Approximately how many people will be using this system?**

Pilot operations will begin in January 2004 with accessibility for all teachers beginning in March 2004. There could be up to 2000 users by Spring of 2004.

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**How are the portfolios assessed?**

1. Teachers will be **trained** for assessing the portfolios using **rubrics**.
2. Each assessment team will consist of **three teachers** in the specific content area.
3. This **process** will be **ongoing** throughout the life of the grant.

**How much time does it take to assemble a portfolio?**

An initial e-portfolio could be created in **minutes** by using the designed template. Incorporating documents into the portfolio could be done in a **half an hour** or could take a **lifetime (lifelong learning)**.

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**How do teachers gain access to the technology?**

A [current email account](#) and [Internet workstation](#) equipped with a browser is all that is necessary to set-up and maintains their site.

The software will be accessible through a [username](#) and [password](#) process.

**How valuable will the portfolio be for the teachers?**

The North Dakota “highly qualified” portfolio will be [accepted in the state](#). We cannot guarantee that other states will accept the portfolio as evidence for a major equivalency in your content area.