

This letter is written in request for information and insight from ABCTE's North Dakota graduates.

Just a little bit of background: I finished the program during the month of July 2020, and took the series of tests (PTK and Elementary Education) within that month as well. I received my certification from ABCTE in late August and submitted all the necessary paperwork with the ND ESPB (Education Standards and Practices Board) in the month of September 2020. I have all my paperwork uploaded and my application in with the district I'd like to work in. It'll be a couple months before I know if I'll be successful in obtaining a teaching position.

I was working as a full-time substitute when Covid-19 concerns closed the school buildings and there was no longer a need for subs. It was devastating for me. I had discovered a real love for teaching, so decided to look into what it would take to get a full teaching license. I came across the ABCTE program. I chatted with friends who are teachers, and reached out to school principals to see if they had any experience or thoughts on the program. The responses were positive overall, so I went ahead and started my journey!

I chose ABCTE as I am good at independent learning, preferring to go at my own pace. The learning materials and supplemental readings were very helpful! I would suggest a few more general knowledge social studies reading options for the Elementary Education program. I felt a little scattered when going through that section. The math was extremely well supported as was the English sections. I am a better substitute now because of those studies.

I'm grateful to this program for giving me the chance to pursue my passion for teaching. And to Michael for his consistently quick responses to the myriad of questions (and an unfortunate mail issue with my certificate) that I had. I truly felt supported at every step. Thank you, Angie Eckelberg