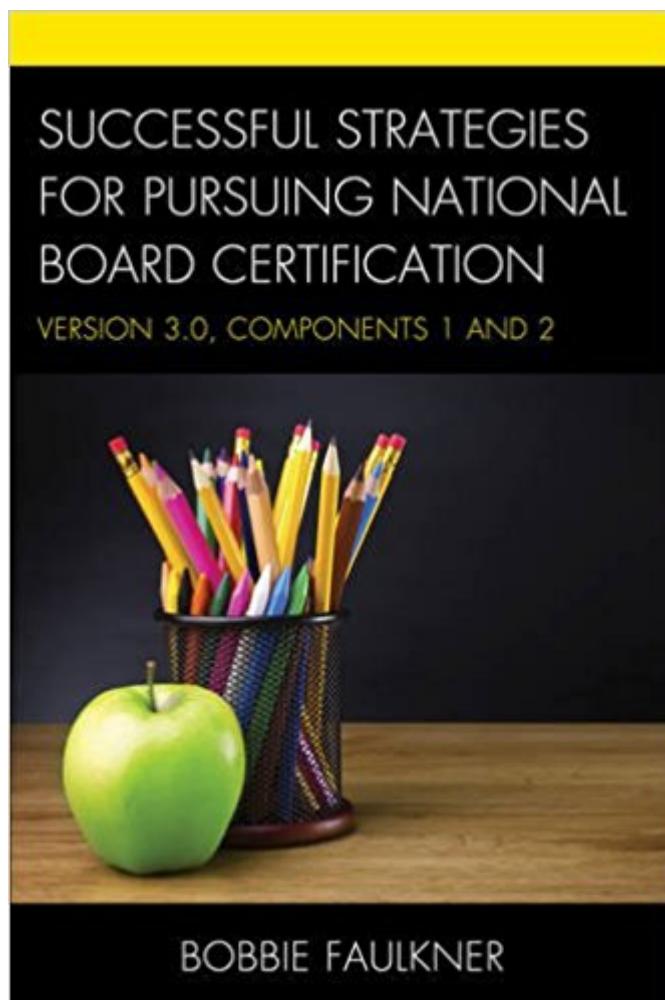


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# **Successful Strategies For Pursuing National Board Certification: Version 3.0, Components 1 And 2 (What Works!)**



## **Synopsis**

In 2014, The National Board began revising and streamlining the National Board Certification process. This new 3.0 version of the What Works! Series, Strategies for Pursuing National Board Certification: Version 3.0, Components 1 and 2 reflects the revisions published to date. This updated publication gives the most current information available.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I've been looking forward to a "What Works..." book that gives us helpful tips on working through the 'revised' National Board Certification process. Bobbie Faulkner explanations of National Board prompts are better than any others I've seen. I strongly encourage candidates and Candidate Support Providers alike to take advantage of this great resource! I know I will! (Kelly Mueller, NBCT, Early Childhood/Generalist / Renewed) Pursuing National Board Certification immediately overwhelmed me and I needed a plan for each of my entries. Bobbie Faulkner's strategies provided me the road map and handy tips everyone needs for this journey. I certified because Bobbie's book What Works! really works! (Judy Droz, NBCT/ENS-ECYA) Bobbie's WHAT WORKS! Series is full of useful tips and suggestions for successfully completing Components 1 and 2. Her advice and approach to navigating the National Board journey were invaluable to me last year as a new candidate, and she provides strategies that I know I would never think of on my own. I truly can't imagine going through

the process without taking advantage of all of her knowledge and experience! (Jen Dukelow, Candidate-in-Waiting, AYA-Math) The What Works Series for National Board Candidates was my essential guide throughout the year I drafted and re-drafted my entries. It went everywhere with me. Using the guide was like having a personal coach in the room every step of the way. (Regina C. Oliver, NBCT/ EAYA World Languages) Good teachers know what works for their students; Bobbie knows “What Works” for National Board candidates. She de-mystifies the National Board process, explaining clearly what is expected in candidates’ work. She clarifies the writing styles and provides understandable examples of effective NB writing. Bobbie’s book belongs next to every candidate’s copy of the Architecture for Accomplished Teaching (AAT), Standards, and Instructions. If you’re going to invest the time and work into this process, invest in Bobbie’s expertise and guidance. It was well worth it for my NB process. Bobbie’s book is the “Rosetta Stone” for understanding the National Board process. (Jana Fullerton, middle childhood generalist, Candidate in Waiting)

Bobbie Faulkner is a thirty-eight year educator and National Board Certified Teacher. She has supported National Board Candidates for over a decade and also mentors candidates though out her state and through websites.

As someone who is working on components one and two this year, this book is a must-have for those needing some direction on where to start. It totally lays out where you need to start your journey, what needs to be focused on in both instruction and writing parts, and its format is easy to follow. This short, brief book is worth the \$18 and it presents the info in a way that is easy to go back and look for. Thank you Bobbie... please write a book for Components 3 and 4...

I find myself coming back to this book for a no-nonsense refresher on how I should be preparing my submission. I like that it breaks down what I need to write and how I need to write. Whereas the National Board prompts are abstruse and almost accusatory, this book reminds me of what I am already doing and walks me along the path of describing that practice in a way that the National Boards folks can understand.

I’m very glad that I purchased this book while working on Component 2 last year. I am certain that I would not have understood the prompts as well nor would I have been clear in my writing without referring to the helpful strategies in this book. It is short and to the point. I have just ordered the

"sequel" for Components 3 and 4.

I was struggling on how to get started with writing Component 2 for my National Boards. This book helped me get a handle on the expectations and type of writing that was needed. I know I did much better due to using this book.

You will not find a better resource out there for the NBCT process. It is clear, concise, and consistent...just like we are asked to do in our writing. You will refer to these books often to keep you on track!

This is a great reference to the NB, especially if you're feeling lost or overwhelmed. Faulkner gives great tips while still holding onto the integrity of the certificate. Glad I bought it!

I ordered this book when I was almost done with Components 1 and 2, so it helped some, but I wish I had ordered this much sooner. A Great Resource for someone just starting out on their National Board Journey!

All this booklet included were general test-taking tips and the same information about the components you can find on the national board website. If this is something that you feel would benefit you, don't bother wasting your money on attempting the national boards. Disclaimer: I only read the 8 pages dedicated to component 1, before putting this ineffectual guide down. I didn't bother reading the dozen or so pages dedicated to component 2. I have a hard time believing the author thought this would really benefit anyone attempting the national boards. It seems more like he or she saw an opportunity to make easy money off desperate individuals.

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