



AATE Teaching Artist Certificate 2025-2027 Overview

The **AATE Teaching Artist Certificate** offered by the **American Alliance for Theatre & Education (AATE)**, is a recognition program designed for teaching artists and practitioners who participate in AATE's professional learning offerings—webinars, national conference sessions, festivals, and educational initiatives.

Participants who complete the program requirements within **two consecutive school years** will be awarded an official Certificate of Study and may be honored during the annual AATE National Conference.

How to Earn Your AATE Certificate of Study

Follow these 3 steps:

STEP 1

Complete an application

Submit your application www.aate.com/aate-certificate by the designated deadline to begin accumulating hours.

STEP 2

Attend Professional Learning Sessions

Earn a total of **24 professional development hours**, including:

Core Sessions (Select at least two):

- *Developing Theatre Curriculum for Remote and Hybrid Learning*
- *Accessibility and Inclusion in the Theater Education Classroom*
- *Creating Theatre with Multilingual Participants*
- *Youth Theatre, Mental Health, and Wellbeing*
- *Drama for the Inclusive Classroom: Executive Functions*
- *Making the Case for Theatre Education: The Basics*
- *Locating Order in the Chaos: Revisiting Assessment in the Drama Classroom (part 1) and (part 2)*

Elective Sessions:

Additional hours may be earned through AATE-approved sessions such as:

- *Story Drama in the Elementary Classroom*
- *Early Childhood Game Jam*
- *Staging Intimacy with Young People*
- *Bake-Off Playwriting Workshop*
- *Playwrights for Change Festival 2023*
- *TIOS and EAP Sessions*
- *Poster/Research Presentations*

STEP 3

Complete Final Reflection Assignment

Submit a PowerPoint, video, or written document showing how you applied learning from one or more sessions in your own teaching practice. Options include:

- A lesson plan or curriculum design
- Documented classroom implementation
- Student reflections and samples
- A reflective journal or teaching portfolio

Templates and submission guidelines can be found on the AATE Certificate for Teaching Artists page ([HERE](#)).

Optional Graduate Credit through Trinity Washington University

Participants who complete the AATE Teaching Artist Certificate may apply their hours toward **graduate credit** through **Trinity Washington University**.

- 1 graduate credit is offered through Trinity University.
- Credit may be applied toward recertification points and salary advancement (not degree programs).
- Fee and application instructions are available on the AATE Certificate for Teaching Artists page ([HERE](#)).



Important Deadlines

- **Application Due:** September 1, 2025
- **Final Assignment Due:** May 1, 2027

Questions?

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