

MTNA CERTIFICATION

Taking part in the MTNA certification process has been a blessing to me and to my students. I have learned so much, and the learning process has been tremendously exciting. It has made me a better, more professional teacher and my students have noticed such a difference that they have literally looked at me during a lesson with their mouths open. I have experienced the entire certification process from beginning to end, taking the proficiencies, the performance, and completion of the portfolio. MTNA is a wonderful organization that has been extremely supportive. The certification process has been successful in doing exactly what it was designed to do; educate, train and produce competent and professional teachers. This learning process is extremely exciting and rewarding; the benefits are invaluable. Through this process you make friends, meet new people, gain confidence in yourself, and earn respect from your colleagues. MTNA has this program set up to help you retain what you have learned and put it into practice. My only regret is not having done this sooner. Don't even consider whether you want to take part in this process. JUST DO IT!!!!!!!

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