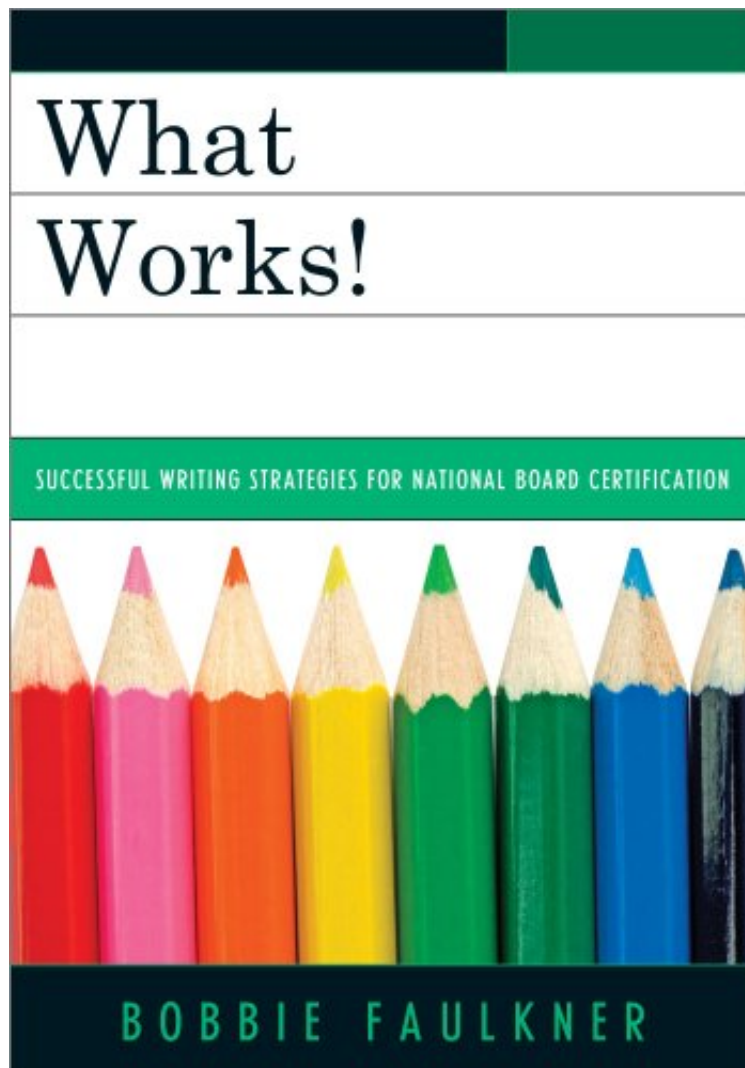


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13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. WHAT WORKS! Book Series Still Relevant to the NEW PROCESS!By Barbara M. FaulknerDear NB Candidate,I am the author of the 3 What Works! books for NB candidates. I want you to know that you can *STILL USE THE BOOKS WITH CONFIDENCE* even though the process is changing. 99.9% of all the information in the books is still accurate and applicable.* All info regarding the 5 Core Propositions, Standards, Architecture of Accomplished Teaching is still 100% accurate.* All info about the

writing styles and writing for the National Board is still 100% accurate.* All info about interpreting the prompts and HOW to study for the Component 1 assessment test is still 100% accurate.* All the info about HOW to prepare the Student Work Entry 1 or 2, now called Differentiation in Instruction is still 100% accurate. The main changes are terminology. For example, the term "Entry" has changed to "Component". Component 2 is now called "Differentiation in Instruction". The format of the computer testing element, formerly called the Assessment Center and now called Component 1 has changed. NOW there are 3 essay-type responses (there used to be 6) and 40 multiple choice questions have been added. However, the information in the book about HOW to prepare to respond to the essay exercises is still 100% accurate. If you are a Retake Candidate, ALL the information in the books still applies 100% to you because you will continue to use the version you started with. There are NO CHANGES for you. THANK YOU! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. a cheaper book may be just as good. I will not be buying it again to ... By Kim M. The book is helpful, but has a very "bare bones" amount of information. Given the cost of the book, I expected more. Also, the format of the NB certification is in the process of changing, so the book is incomplete. I am not sure this one is worth the money, a cheaper book may be just as good. I will not be buying it again to get the ending of this story. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Bobbie does an amazing job breaking it apart. By M_Lo This book has been instrumental in guiding me through the process of completing Component 2. Bobbie does an amazing job breaking it apart, and walking you step by step from beginning to end. She provides sentence starters and great pointers throughout the book. I highly recommend this book!

WHAT WORKS! offers dozens of writing strategies to clearly and convincingly explain your teaching practice to the National Board Assessors. Writing for the National Board is a type of technical writing teachers rarely use elsewhere and this book lifts the mysterious fog surrounding how to provide evidence of the National Board Standards. WHAT WORKS! provides organized information designed to propel candidates to successful certification. It's a roadmap for National Board candidates presenting tips and information in a straightforward, conversational style. WHAT WORKS! special features include: "WHAT WORKS!" and "HERES WHY!" sections Sentence Starters for Descriptive, Analytical, and Reflective Writing Examples from Multiple Certificate Areas Candidate Vignettes based on Real Candidates Multiple Appendix Templates for All Certificates and Entries Sample Passages illustrating "Evidence" or "Lack of Evidence" Writing for the Assessment Center Tips

WHAT WORKS! is the perfect companion to your Standards and Portfolio Directions and will help you gain clarity on writing the 'National Board Way.' Not only has Bobbie included a thorough analysis of what each prompt means, she has given insight into 'What Works' when answering the prompt, and 'Why it Works.' She has also included examples from various certificate areas. This is a MUST HAVE guide for any candidate, in any certificate area, pursuing National Board certification. (Constance Alphonse, candidate in waiting (ENS) Louisiana, 1st and 2nd grade special education teacher) The fabricated Descriptive Passages Examples give a sense of what this style of writing might look and sound like in a real entry. The Key Points provide succinct, concise reminders to keep in mind when writing. The Sentence Starters will be a lifeline when a candidate experiences writer's block and will keep the momentum going. My favorite feature of the book is the Evidence or Lack of Evidence section which really demonstrates the difference between showing and telling so candidates can be certain to show evidence their writing. Thank you for this wonderful resource! It is packed full of valuable, effective information and tips that can support candidates on their journey to National Board Certification! (Tina Leach, EMC/LRLA : Instructional Coach, Gila Bend, AZ) Another 'must read' from Bobbie Faulkner! This book has specific examples of how to write for the National Board - using exact prompts from a variety of certificate areas. She makes suggestions about how to approach prompts that clear up what seems to be murky to many candidates. Her lists of questions to ask yourself will guide candidates as they plan and execute lessons for this process -- and then write about them descriptively, analytically, and reflectively. I will use this book a lot as I support candidates! (Kelly Mueller, M.Ed., ECGen, National Board candidate support provider, St. Louis, Missouri) This book unlocks the intricacies and language of writing for the National Board process in an engaging way! Faulkner provides reflective questions for planning, sentence starters for writing, examples of how to answer prompts from multiple certificate areas and vignettes from candidates. I wish I would have had such clear examples of what the writing looked like when I was going through candidacy! (Julie Gale, EA/ELA, Mentor Teacher, Phoenix, AZ) When I began working on National Board Certification, I felt overwhelmed. After reading WHAT WORKS! I was able to see this monumental feat in terms of small, manageable steps. Bobbie Faulkner's writing style is the perfect model of clear, concise, and convincing--with writing tips and advice that is easy to read, understand, and use. She takes the vague language of the process and simplifies it into practical terms so candidates can write clearly, consistently and convincingly. You'll see yourself in each of the candidate vignettes. She breaks everything down into useable steps to help you stay on track and avoid procrastination. I recommend her new book, Writing for the National Board to anyone attempting National Board Certification. (Valeria Walters, elementary teacher, Memphis, TN; candidate in waiting early/middle childhood

literacy: reading/language arts)About the AuthorBobbie Faulkner spent 38 years teaching grades K-6, is a Middle Childhood Generalist who certified in 1999, and renewed her NB Certificate in 2008. She has been a Candidate Support Provider for National Board Candidates for more than a decade and has mentored hundreds of candidates in person and through on-line websites.