

## JMU National Educational Standards for Teachers (NETS•T) Certification Program

**summary...** Supports demonstration of mastery by K-12 teachers and Instructional Technology Resource Teachers (ITRTs) relative to the **National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers (NETS•T)** published by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). An ISTE review “finds the JMU system to be an **exceptionally well-designed** and robust assessment system.” Awarded the ISTE Seal of Alignment in 2007.

**description...** Allows K-12 teachers to **demonstrate mastery of technology integration** in a faster, more streamlined manner than with previous solutions, with a low cost to teacher/division and an ability to be scaled quickly. The program supports **just-in-time training** that can be used with any existing **professional development program**, formal or informal. The certification can be pursued at one’s own pace or as part of a cohort. The system provides collaboration within a supportive **virtual community** of peers.



Representative user comments include “The learning that goes on through the NETS•T certification process is just amazing,” “...it gave me credibility with the teachers,” “...it allowed me to... better prepare students for real world applications,” and “I’ve become a better ITRT because of it.”

**market significance...** Addresses requirements for high-quality professional development and accountability as required by the No Child Left Behind Enhancing Teaching Through Technology (E2T2) program. Supports the even **greater emphasis on teacher accountability and professional development** set forth in the proposed Achievement Through Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Act.

**stage...** Currently in operation at JMU in support of teachers across the Commonwealth. More than 500 teachers and ITRTs have attained their NETS•T certification with another 800 in progress. Available through licensing for use with any school division, consortium, or state.

**keywords...** performance certification, authentic assessment, professional development, National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers, NETS•T

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