Teacher Education

Supporting Excellence in Education Around the World.

San Diego State University was founded in 1897 and is dedicated to providing well-balanced, high-quality education for undergraduate and graduate students. The University is ranked as the #1 Small Research University in the United States and is home to more than 34,000 students and 6,400 faculty and staff.

SDSU College of Extended Studies is one of eight Colleges at the University and has annual enrollments that exceed 25,000. The College offers diverse educational programming to meet student, community, and workforce needs locally, nationally, and internationally.
Teacher Education
At the San Diego State University College of Extended Studies, we know that there is no job more important than that of an educator. And that is why we are committed to supporting teachers, administrators, and school districts as they strive to achieve excellence in the classroom.
Each year, we serve more than 2,000 K-12 educators in graduate level professional development courses that enable them to be more effective in the classroom, more knowledgeable about their subject matter, refine their teaching strategies, and receive professional and salary recognition for their increased expertise. Whether teaching in rural California or on a military base in Japan; teaching first graders about addition and subtraction, or high school honors students AP art history, we know that teachers need relevant, rigorous, and convenient opportunities to hone their craft.

We regularly work with Department of Defense schools and districts, international schools, local school districts, and organizations hosting workshops and professional development opportunities for teachers.

How can we support your teacher education needs?
Teacher Education Options

Custom Courses
Do you have an in-house education professional who is interested in developing and teaching a class (online or in person) for teachers in your school or district? Would the participants like to receive graduate level professional development credit for this class? Contact us and we would be happy to facilitate getting your custom course reviewed and approved by the College of Education.

This is the perfect choice if you want to provide in-house professional development for your teachers with all the benefits of a College of Education approved course and graduate level professional development credit!

Conferences, Institutes, and Workshops
Are you hosting a conference, institute, or workshop providing professional development for educators? These are important professional development activities, and teachers value the chance to earn graduate level professional development credit for their participation.

Contact us and we can help you get started! Once approval and set up are complete, we can provide a direct link on the conference, institute, or workshop web page so that participants can handle all their registration tasks at once.
Distance Learning
The College of Extended Studies offers convenient distance learning options that allow educators to further their professional development from anywhere in the world. Visit our web site to learn about our courses, certificates, and graduate degree in Educational Technology. Department of Defense educators can also take advantage of online courses offered in partnership with Scholastic RED.

Other Options
Thinking about a professional development activity for educators and don’t see it addressed here? We frequently help educators and districts develop custom solutions to specific professional development needs and we would be delighted to work with you.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is “graduate level professional development credit?”

At SDSU, graduate level professional development courses for teacher professional development are given the course number ED X997. Courses approved for ED X997 credit are fully reviewed and approved by the faculty of the College of Education. These graduate level courses are designed to meet the needs of educators who wish to develop or continue the study of a current topic. Courses numbered at the 900 level are not designed to be applicable to graduate programs at SDSU but like all transferable credit may, with approval from the receiving institution, be applicable to degrees at that institution.

Will my school district accept this credit for professional development?

Most school districts, including Department of Defense Dependent school districts, do accept this credit for professional development and salary advancement purposes. Check with your local district to confirm whether graduate level professional development courses will be counted toward professional development requirements and salary advancement schedules.

Are other types of credit available?

Yes, depending upon the situation. For instance, if participants are primarily educators without undergraduate degrees, we can arrange for undergraduate level professional development credit. Continuing education units are also an option.
What is the review process like for these courses?
Initial review of these courses is handled by the program director at the College of Extended Studies. Once the course proposal form and supporting materials are complete, they are reviewed by the faculty and associate dean of the College of Education.

How will students register for these courses? How will they get transcripts?
Easy online registration is available for all courses. Students may also register by phone. If you would like paper registration forms to distribute, we would be happy to send you a pre-filled registration form that you may copy and share with participants. Students may order both official and unofficial transcripts online.

What if I have questions?
We pride ourselves on our personal, efficient, and friendly customer service. Please contact the program director, whose business card is enclosed below.

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