

CREDITS EARNED THROUGH IN-SERVICE EDUCATION, BY EXAMINATION, AND CEU'S

General Policies

The Bureau of Teacher Certification and Preparation evaluates credits earned outside traditional college/university classroom settings to determine applicability towards certificate issuance.

Eligible Credits

1. **College credit** granted on the basis of examination by an approved four-year, degree-granting college/university and included on the college transcript may be used for certification purposes provided such credit does not represent a repetition of previous coursework for which a passing grade has been received.
2. Credits earned through the completion of **PDE-approved continuing professional education courses** at the Pennsylvania intermediate units may be used to meet the education requirements established for Level II certification, the Letter of Equivalency for Master's Degree and the Letter of Equivalency for Vocational Master's Degree.
3. **Correspondence classes** completed through the mail, the internet, or video tapes are permissible for certification purposes when they **a)** appear on an official transcript from an accredited four-year, degree-granting institution detailing course names, numbers, credits, and grades, and **b)** meet all other established criteria for the requested certificate.

Ineligible Credits

The Bureau is unable to accept the following towards certificate issuance:

1. **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)—non-credit** measures of continuing education awarded by various organizations, professional societies and some colleges/universities.
2. In-service education course credits awarded by providers other than the Pennsylvania intermediate units or approved by authorities other than the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Teacher Certification and Preparation.

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Special Consideration

PDE-approved continuing professional education courses, in-service credits and CEU's cannot be evaluated for applications for issuance of initial or additional certificate area(s).

Reference: 22 Pa. Code §§49.83, 49.191

Related CSPGs: CSPG 7, CSPG 10

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