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Dear Colleague,

UC San Diego Extension works collaboratively with the Professional Development Institute (PDI). UC San Diego Extension is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) through the San Diego campus as part of the University of California system. Upon successful completion of PDI coursework, UC San Diego Extension issues a transcript with letter grades to participants who register for credit.

All PDI courses are numbered using a 400-level numbering series to identify courses used by teachers for salary advancement and other professional purposes. *Courses offered as part of the 400-series are post-baccalaureate, professional-level, credit bearing courses, delivered at the graduate level in the field of education, and specifically designed for teachers. Credit earned in these courses may lead to the award of a formal certificate by UC San Diego Extension or may be applied toward an academic degree or professional credential, subject to the approval of the receiving institution. These courses provide opportunities for professional or career advancement.*

UC San Diego Extension operates on the quarter system. Each PDI course is worth 5.0 *quarter* units of credit which is equivalent to three and one-third (3 1/3) *semester* units of credit. The word unit is a descriptor of the type of credit UC San Diego issues to students who have fulfilled all of the requirements of any particular class. The terms “unit” and “credit” can be used interchangeably without altering the accepted institutional meaning of the terms.

Should you have concerns or questions about course numbering or require further information, please contact the Education Department directly.

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