



Course Approval Request Form

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About PDI

The Professional Development Institute (PDI) has been offering quality online courses to K-12 educators for decades and providing training to teachers across the globe. Every PDI course is approved for credit through the American College of Education and the prestigious University of California San Diego Division of Extended Studies.

American College of Education is approved by the Higher Learning Commission. UC San Diego is part of the University of California system and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Every PDI course is instructor-led and includes practical strategies for immediate implementation into the classroom, opportunities to interact with the instructor and other participants, rich content, and valuable assignments. Teachers must spend a minimum of three weeks in each course (consecutively, when taking multiple courses) before a final grade is released.

Teacher Information

Last Name:	First Name:	ID #:
School Name:	Address:	
Email Address:	Grade Level:	Daytime Phone:

Course Number and Title:

11T02 / ACE: LE5775 / UCSD: EDUC40221 / Implementing the Workshop Model in Reading, Writing, Math, and Science

I am taking this course:

- for 3 semester units of graduate-level, degree-eligible credit through American College of Education.
- for 3 1/3 semester units of post-baccalaureate credit through UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies.
- as an in-service course. I may request a PDI Grade Report to document my completion.

Course Description:

Are you wondering what the word workshop has to do with reading, writing, mathematics, and science? After all, a workshop is typically a messy place where people come to imagine, apply, and create. The fact of the matter is that the whole process of teaching and learning can and should become "messy," as students grapple with rigorous concepts and ideas within the confines of a predictable, motivating, and engaging routine. This online course is designed for teachers in grades 4-8 who want to learn how to better engage their students as they examine and investigate a variety of interesting and engaging concepts and activities on a daily basis using the workshop model. The focus of the course is on helping teachers implement a workshop model for reading, writing, math, and science that includes a mini-lesson, student-directed independent work (while the teacher meets with small groups or conferences), and sharing. Some of the additional highlighted topics include backwards planning and organization, goal setting, project-based learning through the use of STEM activities, and tapping into students' natural curiosity using makerspaces, all under the auspices of a rigorous, supportive, and engaging classroom. By the end of this course, teachers will feel confident implementing the workshop approach in the classroom for all content areas.

Seeking approval for:

- _____ recertification/relicensure
- _____ personal and/or professional growth
- _____ district or state requirement

Signature

Date