Welcome to the University of San Diego’s Educator Programs—designed by educators for educators! Choose from over 500 high-quality individual courses, each created to motivate teachers, enhance instruction and stimulate student learning.

Continuing education for teachers is very important to the field of education. Many teachers seek out our continuing education programs (offered online, on campus and in several Los Angeles locations) motivated by opportunities for professional growth and salary advancement.

Offered through the Division of Professional & Continuing Education (PCE) at the University of San Diego, a top-ranked university, each course can be taken individually or as part of an applicable certificate or professional program. Courses are geared to the K-12 education professional, and some can also be relevant for the community college-level instructor.

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**Features and Formats**

- Graduate-level extension credit appropriate for a salary step
- Affordable tuition for high-quality programs
- Experienced practitioners in the education field who provide excellent instruction and support student learning
- Personalized, superior support from university instructors and staff
- Convenient and flexible course schedules and formats
Google Tools for Collaborative Teaching
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
With Google tools teachers can foster 21st Century Skills while creating a safe learning environment for students. In this course, educators will learn the basics of some of the Google tools, while designing lessons and units for students aligned with Common Core State Standards and International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Technology Standards. Online Self-Paced

Teaching Positive Social Skills to Students
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
Studies indicate the development of social and emotional skills can positively affect student achievement and success in school and later in life. This course examines the research and best practices for teaching students positive social skills. Participants will develop a toolkit of resources for teaching and promoting the development of students’ self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. Online Self-Paced

Supporting Learners with Google Classroom
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
This course explores the newest layer to the Google family, Google Classroom. Classroom is a learning management and workflow system built to interact seamlessly with the GSuite of apps. This course will provide participants with the basics of how to navigate the Classroom interface and how to maximize its impact when working with learners in any K-12 and beyond setting. Google Classroom is also an ideal tool for enhancing and managing professional learning for coaches and administrators, and using the parent communication feature. Online Self-Paced

Introduction to the Mindful Classroom
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
Learn how to enhance classroom productivity, decrease stress and cultivate a caring and peaceful classroom that enhances the sense of well-being among students and staff while encouraging collaboration and fostering a sense of excitement about learning. Sound too good to be true? It’s not. Educators across the nation are implementing mindfulness strategies to create a happier, healthier, and more productive classroom experience. Emphasis is on self-care, as well as real-life classroom strategies for both staff and students. Online Self-Paced

Banish Burnout: Educator’s Guide to Stopping Burnout Before It Stops You!
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
This course is for new teachers, veteran teachers, and administrators that focuses on how to protect your career by learning how to banish burnout. If you have felt overwhelmed by the requirements of teaching (training, standards, Common Core, etc.), then make it a requirement to rejuvenate your love for your profession. If you are an administrator, learn how to enhance your teacher retention rates, reduce expensive turnover, and increase job satisfaction among your staff. Online Self-Paced

Next Generation Science Standards: Introduction and Unpacking (both K-6 and 6-12) and Unit and Lesson Design (K-6, 6-8, and 9-12)
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS EACH
This series of courses explores the NGSS, which is a nation-wide push for higher standards in the sciences and mathematics after a decline in the decline in global rankings of US students. The NGSS provide educators with a framework for developing scientific curriculum that prepares students for innovation to assist in propelling America into the foreground of global scientific and technological competition. Learn how to prepare your students to be future ready! Online Self-Paced

Be on My SIDE: Educating for Social Justice, Inclusivity, Diversity and Equity
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
This course will address the role of educators as allies, advocates and catalysts for positive change. Educators will examine their personal biases, reflect upon the research, listen to and understand perspectives and strategies of experts in the field, and develop an action plan to address challenges related to race, ability, mental health, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and other issues pertaining to social justice, inclusivity, diversity and equity in education. Online Self-Paced

Transitioning To and From the Remote Classroom
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FEATURED COURSES

for educators of all levels and subject areas. In this course you will develop a deep understanding of how to transition to a remote learning environment and then back to a traditional classroom, but in a blended environment. Through digital media, online applications, activities, projects, research, readings, videos, and discussions, you will determine how you will make the transitions that best fit your students and your needs in both of the learning environments. Online Self-Paced

Teaching for Joy and Equity in the K-12 Classroom
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
This course is intended for educators who want to foster both joy and equity in their teaching context. Educators will engage with current media on equity and anti-racism while gaining new resources with direct application to the teaching practice. Educators will also examine ways to humanize the learning environment where students and the teacher are in a learning partnership. Working closely with your instructor, educators will self assess and interrogate text by major leaders in the field of anti-racism in order to plan for a classroom culture that honors student identity. For the final project, participants will develop an action plan to support equitable and anti-racist teaching practices. This course will provide educators with many learning opportunities so they can take anti-racist action in their sphere of control. Online Self-Paced

Empathy Matters: A Core Skill for K-12 and Beyond
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
Empathy is a key skill that supports human development, aids emotional regulations, helps build and maintain healthy relationships, and contributes to one’s ability to flourish as a global citizen in the quickening pace of technology and changes that define our 21st century culture. This course examines what it means to be empathetic and why empathy matters for teachers’ well-being and their students’ success in school and success after high school–college, careers, and engagement within their community. Connect research to pedagogical best practices that support the building of empathy skills with K-12 students. Participants will reflect, and revise existing lessons to integrate emotional intelligence building skills to increase empathetic behaviors, creating an Educator’s Empathy Toolkit. Online Self-Paced

Advanced Google Tools
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
This course will help educators foster and integrate 21st century digital skills through the use of G Suite applications. Since many educational institutions are adopting Google for instructional use, it is imperative that educators learn to use Google to facilitate learning, skill acquisition, and motivation. Educators are encouraged to apply the knowledge gained for immediate implementation in their work. In this course, you will learn more about G Suite and how to use its applications as an educator. Online Self-Paced

Maximizing Student Achievement through Classroom Management (Elem)
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
This course will provide teachers with a variety of resources and strategies to help manage their classrooms to promote student achievement. The focus will be on both effective prevention as well as intervention approaches. Examine well-managed classrooms where students know what is expected of them, materials are stimulating and accessible, and teaching methods are appropriate to the students’ learning styles and needs. Online Self-Paced

Atomic Habits: Develop Habits to Increase Learning, Efficiency and Joy in the Classroom and Beyond
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
Why do we do the things we do? Why don’t we change, even when we want to? The answer lies in our habits, the daily behaviors that make up our identity and our outcomes. Students in this course will examine the underlying foundation of habits; how and why they are formed, and why they are so important. Participants will learn how to identify and change habits in their own lives, with their students and in their classroom practice. Online Self-Paced

Chromebooks in the Classroom
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
This innovative course introduces educators to exciting and best ways to use Chromebooks in the K-12 classroom. Discover, in detail, how to effectively and efficiently use Chromebooks with students. Teachers will learn how to integrate 21st Century digital skills to facilitate student learning, skill acquisition, and motivation. Educators are encouraged to apply the knowledge gained to develop lesson plans for immediate implementation in their classrooms. Online Self-Paced
Technology Tools for Enhancing Instruction and Empowering Students

PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS

Research shows that effective use of technology in the classroom can lead to increased student engagement and achievement. In this course, you will explore a variety of technology tools and learn strategies for utilizing technology to enhance instructional practices and empower students. You will examine how these technology tools can be used to transform the classroom into a student-centered, technology-rich environment. Online Self-Paced

Classroom Management

PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS

Classroom disruptions and misbehavior can hinder learning and achievement, which is why it is essential for teachers to have a working knowledge of proven classroom management strategies. This course seeks to arm you with the knowledge, skills, and strategies you need to effectively manage your classroom in order to optimize student engagement and achievement. You will evaluate your current practices against evidence-based classroom management strategies, and identify new strategies and practices you can implement in your classroom. At the conclusion of the course, you will have a comprehensive classroom management plan to add to your teacher toolkit. Online Self-Paced

Bringing Reading Alive in the Classroom

PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS

With the importance of reading in the curriculum, and in life, it is essential that students not only master reading skills, but also develop a deeper understanding of key reading concepts. This course provides ways to address these concepts and meet curriculum standards through a variety of engaging, student-centered activities. Building upon the instruction already being done in the classroom, these activities employ current technology trends that relate to the world the students now live in, bringing reading “alive” to them. This course will: a) suggest and describe various activities that can be used to develop key reading skills; b) explain how to design and organize the activities to fit into the curriculum; and c) explain the value of using these activities for learning. Online Self-Paced

Learning Readiness with Basic Google Tools

PRICE: $164 | 1 UNIT

This course will introduce educators to basic Google tools, allowing them to become more comfortable and confident to effectively and efficiently implement into their teaching practice to maximize student learning. Educators will be able to immediately implement what they have learned with their students. Online Self-Paced
**NEW COURSES**

**FALL LOS ANGELES COURSE OFFERINGS: FULLY ONLINE**

**Designing for Acceleration: Implementing Meaningful Strategies to Re-Engage Students**

**PRICE: $349 | 3 UNITS**

As students return to formal education settings, Designing for Acceleration: Implementing Meaningful Strategies to Re-Engage Students provides educators with focused strategies to accelerate, rather than remediate, learning. Faced with interrupted learning, the needs of students as they return to in-person and formal school settings are varied and complex. Major topics include meaningful engagement, diagnostic and formative assessment strategies, responsive lesson design, and authentic family partnerships with an emphasis on equitable opportunities and access.

*Online Self-Paced within set dates for Fall. Enroll now through October 11*

**Develop Your Curriculum with Thoughtful Planning**

**PRICE: $349 | 3 UNITS**

Plan for the current or upcoming curriculum by developing meaningful content and lesson plans for your classroom. This course will give K-12 educators the opportunity to plan for the future and customize their lesson plans to incorporate new subject matter, district standards, or any new goals or projects to maximize student learning. Teachers can complete this course at their convenience, within the dates given, and earn units for planning.

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*Online Self-Paced (opens on October 11)*

Digital Portfolios in Education
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
This course is designed for educators to learn to develop advanced skills and knowledge for best educational and pedagogical practices in the design, development, implementation, and use of multimedia resources by creating a professional digital portfolio to teach students and for professional use.
*Online Self-Paced*

Collective Efficacy: How Educators’ Beliefs Impact Student Learning
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
Education is ever-changing and developing. At the beginning and end of the school year, there are professional development opportunities that engage the staff and help support new ideas. The idea of collective efficacy promotes working together for the greater good of the students and the school overall with boosting student achievement a primary goal. Staffs that work together can be more productive if they have a common goal. “Educators with high efficacy show greater effort and persistence, a willingness to try new approaches and attend more closely to the needs of students who are not progressing.” (Donohoo, 2017). Students may have difficulties with technology, working from home attending classes, or working through childhood trauma. Educators can meet students where they are and build positive relationships and help students through difficult times to increase student achievement.
*Online Self-Paced*

The Character Education Teacher as Model, Leader, and Collaborator
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
This course’s goal is to assist beginning and experienced teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to take on both a leadership and a collaborative role in character education programs and initiatives in their communities, schools and classrooms. Through analysis and discussion of research, best practices, case studies, the writings of others, and current events, participants will be able to decide how best to be a character education leader, model and collaborator.
*Online Self-Paced*

Understanding the Adult Learner – Theory and Skills to Become a More Effective Professional Learning Designer and Facilitator
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
This course focuses on building understanding of the differences that exist between working with adult learners as opposed to typical K-12 students. Andragogy, the foundation for Adult Learning Theory, will be explored. Participants will gain an understanding of how an adult most successfully gains and accepts knowledge and how to leverage this successfully when developing professional learning for peers and other adults. The learner will gain practical tools not only in how to design effective learning experiences for adults but also how to know when adults are ready to receive knowledge. This course will be a blend of theory and application which will leave participants capable and prepared to better meet the needs of adult learners.
*Online Self-Paced*

Universal Design for Learning in the STEAM Classroom
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
This course explores all students experiencing STEAM curriculum, but particularly students who have not been served well in their STEAM courses. We will explore what systems are currently in place for STEAM courses and how making incremental changes can ensure that all children can be successful in STEAM education. Students will then work to design their own curriculum that provides all students a Low Floor High Ceiling.
*Online Self-Paced*
NEW COURSES

Social Emotional Learning with Remote Teaching: Engagement with Technology
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS OR
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS, CHOOSE ONE
This innovative course introduces educators to exciting ways to communicate and engage with technology in the remote teaching and learning environment to improve Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Educators will research and discover, in detail, how to effectively and efficiently use and implement the tools learned in the course to engage with students in a remote teaching/learning environment, how to integrate the skills learned to facilitate student engagement and motivation, and to apply the knowledge gained to develop lesson plans to be immediately implemented in their remote classrooms. Online Self-Paced

Literacy-Based Scavenger Hunts
PRICE: $376 | 3 UNITS
This course provides K - 6 grade teachers with creative strategies to teach all literacy/language arts standards and skills. Children will be physically engaged while participating in literacy-based scavenger hunts related to what they are learning. Students will search for various standard-related academic literacy information. Following a scavenger hunt, students will have a project, lesson or activity to take the information gathered and transfer it into their knowledge base which will help them retain the information in order to make it useful. Independent Study Self-Paced

Transitioning To and From the Remote Classroom
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Social Emotional Learning in the STEAM Classroom
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS
In order for students to take risks, try new ideas, develop skills to help them work positively and productively with peers, and to help them integrate cross disciplinary thinking, a high level social emotional curriculum and classroom environment is necessary. This course critically analyzes the various Social Emotional Learning (SEL) methods and research background on the benefits of teaching through the lens of SEL and how it can support students in a STEAM setting. Online Self-Paced

Bringing Reading Alive in the Classroom
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Supporting the Homeschooled Student
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS
The goal of this course is to broaden the knowledge of homeschooling (also known as home education), distance learning, independent study, or alternative schooling. The course will cover topics such as the history of education and homeschooling, personalized learning approaches, college and career life and goals, success in high school, learning styles, and teaching styles, as well as teach how to support students academically at a distance and align learning with standards. Online Self-Paced
NEW COURSES

**Literature-Based Learning: Teaching Vocabulary (1-6)**
**PRICE: $376 | 3 UNITS**

This course provides Grades 1-6 teachers creative strategies to teach vocabulary skills within Language Arts standards. Teaching vocabulary and getting students to retain information can be a challenge. In this course, teachers will be equipped with methods for teaching a variety of vocabulary strategies using children’s literature that focuses on vocabulary-based stories. Children can actually take part in these lessons with engaging activities that will provide them with critical skills to further their knowledge of word analysis. In doing so, students will also increase their reading and comprehension abilities. *Independent Study*  
*Self-Paced*

**Designing Effective STEAM Curriculum w/Equitable Technology Integration**  
**PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS**

This course investigates the equitable use of social networking, online learning, mobile technologies and web-based applications in the classroom. The Application of these technologies in the classroom is geared to help educators facilitate and strengthen teaching and learning in mathematics and science. While integrating these technologies, the participant will explore the implications of technology for learners.  
*Online Self-Paced*

**STEAM: Supporting Creativity for Innovation**  
**PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS**

Creativity and innovation have become even more important in the automated world in which we live in today. In this course, we will consider the ‘who,’ ‘what’ and ‘why’ of supporting creativity for innovation. This course will explore why creativity is important for learning and instruction and how to give students opportunities to expand their own creativity. It will examine how the need to be creative has influenced people throughout human existence and how this intersects with history. Additionally, participants will consider how challenging one’s personal status quo can benefit students by challenging them to push their thinking further and to think outside of the box. *Online Self-Paced*

**Expanding Your Professional Learning Network through Social Media**  
**PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS**

Leveraging social media in your professional learning network can be transformational. Used intentionally, social networking can provide a venue so rich in information, resources, and support it can revitalize or completely shift your career path. This course will direct you to experience social media as a connected educator, to rethink your digital identities, and to utilize good networking practices for communication and sharing. You will be empowered to practice and reflect upon your use of social networking functions across five major platforms: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and LinkedIn. By the end of this course, you will be able to plan, implement, and expand your network with meaningful connections and resources aligned with your goals and interests.  
*Online Self-Paced*

**Introduction to Restorative Practices**  
**PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS**

In this introductory course on Restorative Practices, you will learn how to create safe schools, gain control of the classroom, and address student mental health needs while maximizing academic outcomes. Schools across the nation are implementing alternatives to outdated punishment-based discipline in order to cultivate better classroom management, create positive peer mediation practices, and build community. This course places an emphasis on implementing “real life” solutions that are beneficial to students, teachers and staff.  
*Online Self-Paced*
Bullying Prevention in Our Schools Certificate
4 COURSES | 9 UNITS TOTAL
Bullying is one of the most concerning issues facing students and teachers in schools today, and yet few educators are equipped to handle this pervasive problem. The USD program thoroughly covers school bullying and provides a solid foundation for effective early identification, prevention, victim support, cyber-bullying awareness and school culture changes that provide real and lasting solutions. Online Fixed-Date

Character Education Development Certificate
4 COURSES | 9 UNITS TOTAL
Enhance your professional development skills in the field of character education/development and earn a Character Education Development Certificate. The Division of Professional and Continuing Education has collaborated with the School of Leadership and Education Sciences - Character Education Resource Center to offer you professional training in character behaviors and relationships. You will learn to apply best practices to plan, deliver and assess character education. Online Self-Paced

Coaching Today’s Student Athletes Certificate
4 COURSES | 8 UNITS TOTAL
These courses, created by coaches for coaches, will provide the changemaking skills and tools needed to create positive learning experiences between you and your student athletes. A strong understanding of how to communicate with and motivate your athletes, while strengthening and honing their athletic skills, is necessary. A winning coach or teacher means much more than just defeating the other team--being able to model leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship and other important character traits will provide athletes with the positive growth opportunity that can last well beyond the playing field. Online Self-Paced

Effective Classroom Management Solutions Certificate
4 COURSES REQUIRED OUT OF 6 AVAILABLE | 11 UNITS TOTAL
Good classroom management is necessary to have an effective learning environment for ALL students. Make the classroom a place where both you and your students can focus on educational goals and be successful! Students will become engaged through intrinsic motivation and learn to encourage positive intrapersonal and interpersonal relationships at school, home and within the community. This program helps new teachers develop a classroom management approach and offers experienced teachers opportunities to improve their existing practices. Online Self-Paced

Happiness Studies for Educators Certificate
2 COURSES | 8 UNITS TOTAL
This certificate program, created and offered by the Happiness Studies Academy, provides educators with the skills and tools needed to become happier, and to facilitate others in becoming happier. This is the first and only program of its kind that explores happiness through the lens of different disciplines--including psychology and philosophy, as well as history, theology, biology, economics, literature, art and more. The program provides the knowledge and tools to generate happiness on the individual, interpersonal, organizational, and national level. Fully Online through the Happiness Studies Academy

Love of Language Certificate
7 COURSES REQUIRED OUT OF 21 AVAILABLE | 9 UNITS TOTAL
This program and its courses are designed to rekindle an appreciation of the beauty and power of language. It allows you to select individual language or literature courses that spark a personal interest, ranging from writing and grammar (yes, grammar!) to literature and poetry genres or significant authors. Elective courses...
in this program are guided by audio content, published by the Recorded Books Modern Scholar, in a journey that begins by studying and reflecting on language and literature and concludes with independent writing, research or curriculum projects. 

**Independent Study Self-Paced**

### Mental Health First Response Certificate

**5 COURSES | 11 UNITS TOTAL**

This certificate program trains teachers and other school professionals to identify, make appropriate referrals and respond to emotional, mental and social issues within the school setting, specifically those that may lead to gun violence and/or harm to self or others. You will learn how to work with community resources to create and implement an appropriate preparedness plan and use “universal precautions” to preserve staff and other students’ safety. In much the same way that traditional first aid is designed to save the life of a person in crisis, Mental Health First Response focuses on saving lives by recognizing the emotional distress, depression and other issues impacting students - issues that are increasingly leading to suicide, violence and harm to self or others when not appropriately addressed in a timely manner. **Online Self-Paced**

### Restorative Justice Facilitation and Leadership Certificate

**3 COURSES | 9 UNITS TOTAL**

Restorative justice is a global social movement with growth in a variety of settings including K-12 schools, higher education institutions, workplaces, community organizations, and criminal justice agencies. There is a growing need for skilled practitioners who understand the philosophical underpinnings of restorative justice, its varied applications, and self-reflective, nuanced practice. The certificate combines an academic understanding of restorative justice with experiential learning to ensure skillful facilitation. **Online Fixed-Date and Classroom**

### STEAM Teaching for Tomorrow’s Innovators Certificate

**4 COURSES | 8 UNITS TOTAL**

Our STEAM certificate program will equip you with the skill set and tools needed to increase student learning propelled by creativity and innovation. Learn how integrating equitable technology into your curriculum can enhance the desired outcomes of your STEAM teaching. Social Emotional Learning and Universal Design Learning in the STEAM curriculum is explored to ensure successful learning for all. **Online Self-Paced**

### TESOL Certificate

**5 COURSES | 10 UNITS TOTAL**

The TESOL Certificate Program gives participants the specialized training and skills needed for a successful career teaching or preparing to teach ESL to non-native English speaking students. University of San Diego faculty provide a theoretical foundation for second or foreign language teaching, as well as innovative insights, activities, and techniques for use in the classroom. **Online Self-Paced**
Beginning Teaching Series
14 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM
This series of courses was created by teachers for teachers. Ideas, strategies and resources are presented that are based on the latest in thinking about the art and practice of teaching. For those who are new or fairly new to classroom teaching or for the conscientious educator who just wants to focus on a certain area, these courses will provide necessary skills and support toward creating a successful learning environment in your classroom. Online Self-Paced

Cognitive Learning Series
8 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM
What are effective strategies to help the current generation of students learn? How does today’s technology impact student learning? Understanding how students learn and how their brains develop and function are key to enhancing academic performance. These courses provide you with a glimpse into the young mind and how you can use that knowledge to your advantage to promote successful learning. They also give you strategic tools and techniques for use both inside and outside of the classroom. Online Self-Paced

Google for Teachers Series
6 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM
Learn how to maximize Google’s Suite of free productivity tools to allow for:
- A more organized and managed classroom
- The creation of innovative lessons with the use of Google tools
- Collaboration between you and colleagues
- Collaboration amongst students
- Transforming learning with these change-making skills
Online Self-Paced

Historical Spotlights Series
11 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM
Historical Spotlights Series courses are designed to give K-14 educators a knowledge base and appreciation for historical events. Courses cover a variety of topics including wars, ancient European peoples and cultures, castles, explorers, American natives, presidents and baseball. Just pick the area that interests you and begin your journey back in time. Online Self-Paced

Implementation Planning Series
1 COURSE THAT CAN BE TAKEN MULTIPLE TIMES
These courses are designed to encourage K-12 educators who attend a conference, workshop, read a book, watch an online resource, or have an original idea, to plan an effective classroom lesson or unit or plan to implement a school site improvement. Take the time to thoughtfully plan and prepare your implementation and earn credit for doing so. Independent Study Self-Paced

Infusing Art in the 21st Century Classroom Series
5 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM
The Infusing Art in the 21st Century Classroom Series courses are designed to give K-12 educators a knowledge base and appreciation for the visual arts. Budget cuts, the intense focus on standardized testing, and the concentrated attention to Math, Science, and English Language Arts have minimized art inclusion in the classroom. This series promotes 21st Century learning skills that promote enhancing creativity, increasing self-confidence, promoting collaboration, and offers alternative ways in assessing learning. These courses prepare educators with the confidence and practice to infuse strategies into curriculum, no matter what level of artistic talent. Courses cover a variety of topics including elements of art, art history, artist styles, and specific art mediums. Choose the area that interests you and begin your creative exploration! Online Self-Paced and Independent Study Self-Paced
Learning and Teaching in a K-12 Digital Classroom Series

**17 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM**

Facilitate teaching and learning in your K-12 classroom, school or district with the latest technology. Explore existing and emerging technologies such as, Chromebooks, iPads, iPods, cell phones, Netbooks and e-readers and how they can be integrated into the classroom. This unique online self-paced series equips teachers and school leaders with the skills to thrive in today’s technology learning environment. These courses allow educators to customize their learning based on their particular needs. Take courses individually or create your learning plan by taking multiple courses. *Online Self-Paced*

Literacy Toolbox Series

**14 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM**

These courses are designed for all K-12 educators who want practical instructional tools and new creative teaching ideas to improve student literacy. This series introduces new teachers to literacy tools and ways to develop student literacy skills. K-12 educators explore a number of that literacy tools can be used. It also gives veteran teachers an opportunity to re-examine and/or diversify the literacy tools they currently use. *Independent Study Self-Paced and Online Self-Paced*

Next Generation Science Standards Series

**5 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM**

This series of courses explores the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which is a nation-wide push for higher standards in the sciences and mathematics after a decline in the United States’ global rankings of students. The NGSS provide educators with a framework for developing scientific curriculum that prepares students for innovation to assist in propelling America into the foreground of global scientific and technological competition. Learn how to prepare your students to be future ready by putting the new standards to work in your classroom! *Online Self-Paced*

Professional Teachers Program Series

**25 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM**

This series provides the opportunity to participate in any of several courses designed for mid-career to veteran teachers. Courses present new content that will allow seasoned teachers to hone their teaching skills and practice for greater efficiency and collaboration, and lead to improved learning outcomes for today’s students. This series features self-paced online courses led by experienced educator instructors. *Online Self-Paced*

Project READ for DoDEA and International School Educators Series

**200+ COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM**

Project READ is an independent study program designed for busy DoDEA educators who wish to remain on the “cutting edge” in their chosen disciplines. This series features courses tied to over 200 educational books on a variety of subjects that have been approved by DoDEA for credit. *Independent Study Self-Paced*

Read, Empower, Act, Discover (R.E.A.D.) Part I and Part II Series

**125+ BOOKS/COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM**

The R.E.A.D. series—Part I and Part II—is an educational book-based program designed for educators who wish to launch a critical dialogue on today’s issues and concerns that affect our schools, portrayed in one or more of our preselected book titles. Engage with literature to promote continuous improvement and professional development. Part I Series courses (1-unit) allow educators to reflect on the reading and contextualize the subject matter presented in today’s classroom. Part II Series courses (2-unit) are designed as optional follow-ups to Part I courses, for those that wish to journey further into today’s issues and concerns that impact our schools. They include further research on the topic and development of an action plan to promote positive change within education. *Independent Study Self-Paced*

Remote Teaching and Learning Series

**14 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM**

Converting from traditional to remote teaching and learning can be overwhelming for many. USD’s Division of Professional and Continuing Education has selected these courses to support educators to facilitate the transition. This series offers effective teaching practices and valuable resources that support maintaining high-quality teaching and continued student learning. Whether it is to optimize technology in your remote teaching, or to create effective curriculum in the online format, or as simple
as creating efficient habits for teachers and students, these courses will help you and your students reach their goals! Online Self-Paced

Scientific Discoveries Series
1 COURSE TO CHOOSE FROM

The Scientific Discoveries Series is designed to help you explore a scientific area and how to share your learning with students. This series allows you to dive deeper into your subject area of choice. Online Self-Paced

Social Changemakers Series
5 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM

The Social Changemakers Series will introduce K-12 educators to a variety of social changemakers and provide opportunities for them to learn about those that have made significant contributions to the world or their communities. Participants will take this information and design engaging, dynamic and standard-based lessons and presentations for use in the classroom. By learning more on the lives of these selected trailblazers, teachers can emphasize with their students their own ability to make positive changes in the world with passion, problem solving and innovation. Online Self-Paced

Teacher Wellness Series
6 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM

The Teacher Wellness Series courses promote positive change and personal growth in the education profession. Being able to maintain one’s wellness is of utmost importance to today’s educator. Lessen stress, reduce the potential of illness and promote positive interactions with others. These courses help K-12 educators to become the best that they can be, and how to incorporate wellness into the classroom/school with their students. Courses cover a variety of topics including burnout, compassion fatigue, developing good habits, and self development/identity. Online Self-Paced and Independent Study Self-Paced

Teaching for Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity in the Classroom Series
14 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM

These courses promote positive change and personal growth for K-12 educators that want to learn how to celebrate diversity, and also strategize how to promote inclusivity, equity and anti-racism in the classroom. These courses provide educators with skills and strategies on how to create a culturally inclusive classroom, while teaching students to value inclusion and promote cultural respect and tolerance within their daily lives. Online Self-Paced and Independent Study Self-Paced
Professional and Continuing Education (PCE) is continually growing, expanding, and updating a wide variety of courses and programs of study. Last year alone, there were over 35,000 enrollments in over 400 courses. Many of those courses were new.

Are you a professional development provider that is seeking university credit for your conference, workshop, training or other learning experience? Contact us today to learn how you can add value for your participants with the option of credit. Or if you are an event planner and are interested in holding your academic event on-campus, contact us.

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Many valuable educational resources are within reach, and even more opportunities are available through increasing one’s circle by adventuring outside of the city where you live. Invigorate your teaching with explorations either within your community or beyond. Bring your discoveries back to the classroom to inspire students to learn more and become lifelong learners through exploring. These courses allow you to become motivated to turn your travels, actual or virtual, into creative learning enhancements that allow students to make real world connections. Each course requires either creating a new lesson plan or augmenting a current one that combines your newfound knowledge or materials. Teacher resources abound from visits to museums, national or state parks, memorials, presidential libraries, local businesses, cultural learning centers, and even from online sources. Turn your actual or virtual travels into more rewarding experiences with purposeful learning for the classroom! Independent Study Self-Paced

Catholic Mental Health Ministry Series

1 COURSE TO CHOOSE FROM

These course(s) have been designed for those wanting to improve on their ministry to their community in the area of mental health. Online Fixed-Date

EDUCATOR SERIES

Travel, Learn, Teach Series

3 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM, THAT CAN BE TAKEN MULTIPLE TIMES

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