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Educator Programs
Online and Independent Study

University of San Diego
PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION
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.

Students can choose to attend classes at our sunny San Diego campus with its panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean or at one of our convenient Los Angeles locations, or enroll in online courses designed to offer maximum convenience.

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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
These courses are designed for educators in the K-12 classroom who would like to prepare new curriculum or revise existing curriculum that will result in motivated student learning. Participants will choose an instructor who they will work with throughout the course to create a coursework plan which will detail the curriculum they would like to design or revise. The coursework plan can include the introduction of new materials, design lessons, implementing new resources, converting curriculum to the online/remote modality, or implementing a new strategy that motivates student learning.

Online Self-Paced within set dates, choose one course

- **EDU-X740P6**  
  Innovative Curriculum for Motivated Learning/6  
  6 units
- **EDU-X740P4**  
  Innovative Curriculum for Motivated Learning/4  
  4 units
- **EDU-X740P2**  
  Innovative Curriculum for Motivated Learning/2  
  2 units

This course, intended for K-12 educators, will provide opportunity for teachers to build curriculum that connects with students. Participants will create new or revise existing curriculum that can be used immediately in the traditional or virtual classroom. This course provides the perfect opportunity to incorporate meaningful and effective lessons that reach students while teaching remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions. For some, it will be a whole new way of teaching. Participants work closely with an instructor and use instructor feedback that is provided to reach their goals. This course does not limit participants to a specific subject matter and they are free to choose which area would benefit most from purposeful curricular design. Customize your planning around your individual teaching needs, with options such as adding new resources/textbooks, creating new lesson plans, transitioning to or from the remote classroom, or to modify curriculum in order to align to new standards.

Online Self-Paced within set dates

- **EDU-X744P**  
  Exploring K-12 Curriculum for Powerful Student Connections  
  3 or 1 units
FEATURED COURSES

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

Cognitively Guided Instruction in Math (CGI)
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS

In this course, Cognitively Guided Instruction in Math (CGI), you will learn the components of a CGI classroom and their connections to the Standards for Mathematical Practices. You will also examine the characteristics of the different problems types and how they can be used to teach the Common Core content standards for Math. Evaluation of the informal problem solving strategies students intuitively bring to mathematics will take place as well as how to support and develop them into formal mathematics. Finally, you will learn how to facilitate mathematics instruction by asking open-ended questions and by strategically posing math problems. Online Self-Paced

Teaching Methods for Diverse Learners
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS

This course focuses on the concept that each student deserves access to education, and a teacher must nurture and support each student’s learning. Students will identify the needs presented by diverse classrooms: diversity of ability; linguistic diversity; developmental diversity; socioeconomic diversity; racial diversity; ethnic diversity; gender diversity; and students with identified special needs in an inclusive classroom. Students will focus on implementing classroom strategies to proactively expand access, differentiate instruction, and provide interventions that support such diverse students. Online Self-Paced

Web Apps for Educators
PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS

This course is designed to introduce teachers to easy-to-use online resources and help them harness the collaborative nature of web-based applications
for the classroom. Discover new tools to help guide your students to Create, Collaborate, Communicate and Connect their learning. Teachers will complete several projects throughout the course, and learn tips and techniques for integrating digital resources and projects seamlessly throughout the curriculum. Technology skills such as online research and information literacy are introduced, along with web-based projects, such as virtual field trips, blogging, social networking and multimedia. Online Self-Paced

Flipping Classroom Instruction with Technology
PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS

The flipped classroom concept takes traditional teaching and learning and reverses the delivery of instruction to the home with the use of technology and moves “homework” to the classroom. This allows teachers to spend more one-on-one time with each student. During class time, students can ask questions and work through problems with the guidance of their teachers and the support of fellow students. Review the research behind the flipped model of learning, participate in activities to clarify thinking and understanding of student-centered learning and explore the tools needed to implement this process in your educational environment. Online Self-Paced

IS/Infusing Art in the 21st Century Classroom: Non-Western Art for the K-12 Classroom
PRICE: $367 | 3 UNITS

This course is designed for today’s K-12 educator to introduce Non-Western Art into their curriculum to share with students the appreciation of cultural art that they may have not been exposed to previously. The course will explore cultural and aesthetic values of Oceania, Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the indigenous Americas. Though geographically speaking, places such as the U.S., Europe, Canada, and Australia are considered being in the West, the art of the native people from such locales are considered non-Western. Participants will research and analyze various art forms, their use, and their aesthetics. They will also create their own Non-Western art based on the grade level taught. Through the celebration of different arts from various cultures, past and present, in this world the promotion of an inclusive society can be taught in the classroom. With the introduction to a few of the numerous world cultures, we hope that participants and their students are motivated to discover other cultural art on their own. Independent Study 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
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
FEATURED COURSES

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

Promoting Healthy Lifestyle Skills

PRICE: $489 | 3 UNITS

Examine the behaviors and actions students need in order to acquire a healthy lifestyle. Topics such as nutrition, physical activity, outside influences of peer pressure and media influence, addictions, emotional wellness, online safety, risky behavior, decision making, creating a healthy lifestyle plan and the role of the school in promoting a healthy lifestyle are explored. Learn and share differentiated strategies and best practices for enabling students to internalize healthy lifestyle choices and apply them to their daily lives. Online Self-Paced

Remote 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

WINTER LOS ANGELES COURSE OFFERINGS: FULLY ONLINE

Teaching for Joy and Equity in the K-12 Classroom
PRICE: $349 | 3 UNITS

This course provides K-12 educators, in all subject areas, opportunities to engage with anti-racist literature in order to apply this to their own lesson design. Teachers will participate in the process of: Listen, Reflect, Interrogate, Act, Repeat. In addition, participants will explore many areas of teaching such as: educator self-care, visioning, examination of current approaches, application of equitable teaching practices, and strategies to bolster student agency. Teachers will come away with new tools and lessons to promote joy and bolster equity in their classroom.

*Online Self-Paced within set dates*

New Curriculum for New Times: Planning and Realigning the Classroom
PRICE: $349 | 3 UNITS

This course is intended for K-12 educators who would like to develop stimulating and impactful curriculum. Educators will work closely with an instructor in order to promote effective teaching for the current or upcoming school year. Students will use the feedback provided to them by the instructor in order to create goals for the course and ultimately an implementation plan for their new curriculum. Educators have the option to refresh existing lessons and curriculum or they can use this course to build brand new curriculum. Educators have the option to incorporate resources into their plan that will be impactful in the classroom, which may include how to transition to and from the remote learning environment. This course does not limit participants to a specific subject matter; students are free to choose the area of curriculum that they feel would benefit from a redesign. Participants can focus on the need for new resources, textbooks, lesson plans, converting curriculum to remote teaching, or modifying their curriculum in order to align to new standards.

*Online Self-Paced within set dates*
NEW COURSES

SPRING LOS ANGELES COURSE OFFERINGS: FULLY ONLINE

Collective Efficacy: How Educators’ Beliefs Impact Student Learning
PRICE: $349 | 3 UNITS

Education is ever changing and developing. At the beginning and end of the school year, there are professional development opportunities that engage staff and help support new ideas. Educators can get caught up with testing, meetings, grading and the great new ideas go by the wayside. The idea of collective efficacy is not new but is regaining recognition as an effective educational tool. Working together for the greater good of the students and school overall can help boost student achievement. 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 (will Add enrollment dates after) closely to the needs of students who are not progressing.” (Donohoo 2017). If educators can meet students where they are and, build positive relationships and help students through difficult times, an increase in student achievement is attainable.

*Online Self-Paced within set dates; Enrollment opens Feb 8*

Creating and Renovating Curriculum for the K-12 Classroom
PRICE: $349 | 3 UNITS

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New Courses

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**

Be on My SIDE: Educating for Social Justice, Inclusivity, Diversity and Equity

**Price:** $307 | 2 units

This course addresses 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**

Basic Remote Teaching Strategies

**Price:** $307 | 2 units

Remote teaching has the potential to become a permanent option within the educational system. This course will introduce and support educators with effective strategies and best practices for designing and delivering online instruction to all learners. Participants will learn about managing the day-to-day responsibilities of remote teaching and learning, collaborating with parents, keeping learners safe online, and engaging learners in real-world applicable activities. **Online Self-Paced**

Social Emotional Learning with Remote Teaching: Engagement with Technology

**Price:** $307 | 2 units or $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

**Price:** $489 | 3 units

Research has shown transition to a remote learning environment and back to a traditional classroom in a blended learning environment can be a challenge 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**

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**  
**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. *Online Self-Paced*

**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*

**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**

**Teaching Writing Standards Creatively**

**PRICE: $376 | 3 UNITS**

In this course you will develop and enhance writing skills through brief physical activities integrated with children’s literature. The course will provide K – 6 teachers with creative writing strategies to teach the Language Arts Writing Standards and will demonstrate how activity-based writing coupled with children’s literature can boost student engagement and the quality of writing. Teachers will learn a variety of creative methods to teach specific writing strategies to their students based on grade level and student need using an engaging children’s book focused on mindfulness. **Independent Study Self-Paced**

**Blending Phonics-based Reading with the Whole Language Approach**

**PRICE: $307 | 2 UNITS**

Research has shown that there are benefits to both Phonics-based and Whole Language theories of reading instruction and that most students are most successful if a combination of the two approaches are integrated into instruction. In this course you will develop a deep understanding of both teaching practices, evaluate your classrooms needs and create an approach that you think will be most beneficial. Examining the grade-level learning goals, you will determine how you will address each learning goal and map out instruction. **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

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 Fixed-Date, and soon Online Self-Paced

Teacher Leader Certificate
5 COURSES | 10 UNITS TOTAL
Teacher leadership is a growing field in education that allows teachers to become effective collaborators in the future of their school and/or district. This certificate program provides teachers with new leadership skills needed with today’s educational issues, laws and programs, allowing for the transition into the role of “Teacher Leader” on campus. Teacher Leaders are teachers who are assigned special duties or take on leadership roles on the school campus building experience for possible careers as administrators. Training in this certificate program would also prepare teachers in California to take the California Preliminary Administrative Credential Exam (CPACE). Online Fixed-Date
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

Flipping Classroom Instruction Series
2 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM
The Flipping Classroom Instruction Series encourages teachers to incorporate technology into the classroom, specifically the flipped classroom concept. Courses provide research and rationale for the student-centered classroom, methods for technology tool implementation, student performance assessment options and an opportunity to create a technology-focused lesson plan for your classroom. Online Self-Paced

Google for Teachers Series
6 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM
Learn how to maximize Google’s Suite of 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

Travel, Learn, Teach Series
3 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM, THAT CAN BE TAKEN MULTIPLE TIMES
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
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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**EDUCATOR SERIES**

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*

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