

# Professional Growth System Reference Guide



The purpose of this guide is to provide tools and resources to develop a Professional Growth Plan (PGP) to accumulate Contact Units (CUs) to move across columns on the Professional Salary Table (PST). This guide provides parameters for professional development activities including established CU values and verification forms for professional development activities.

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Educators/licensed professionals have many options to participate in professional development activities aligned to their PGP that is developed collaboratively with their supervisor. In general, professional development activities are assigned CUs associated with the time that the educator/licensed professional participates in these activities outside of the contractual workday. Each educator/licensed professional is responsible for maintaining all documentation in alignment with his/her PGP and ensuring that the professional learning activities count toward CUs for column movement.

#### **Contact Units**

- Each CU translates into 180 minutes of clock time.
- Only hours taken outside of the regular contractual workday are allowed to count toward CUs.
  - If an educator/licensed professional is paid his/her contractual rate for an extended contractual workday or year, the time is excluded from counting toward CUs.
  - Site-Based Collaboration Time is excluded from counting toward CUs.
- Professional development activities may be aligned to professional growth related to goals in any of the following areas:
  - School/Site Goal(s)
  - Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF) Goal(s)
  - Career Pathway Goal(s)
  - School Community Goal(s)
  - District Goal(s)
- If an educator/licensed professional is paid a supplemental instruction rate compensation for the
  professional development activity, he/she may only use one-half (½) of the listed CU value toward the 225
  CUs accrual.
- A minimum of 225 CUs is needed for column movement.

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# Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools

- Each school's tier designation is annually determined by the Nevada Department of Education (NV DOE) and is based on a combination of the percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch and student achievement levels. School designations can be found on the NV DOE website.
- Different professional development activities and CU maximums exist as permissible options at Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools. Specific information is provided for additional options for educators/licensed professionals in these schools.

### Self-Contained Special Education Teachers

Special education teachers serving in a self-contained classroom at any school are eligible for the two-year track and may adhere to the two-year track CU options if these activities are available at the school/site.

## Centrally Assigned Educators/ Licensed Professionals

Educators/licensed professionals who are centrally assigned are eligible only for the three-year track unless all assignments are in Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools.

# Column Movement and CU Maximums

- Educators/licensed professionals who serve at a Title I, Tier I or Title I, Tier II School are eligible for the two-year track. Educators/licensed professionals who serve at a Title I, Tier III or Non-Title I School are eligible for the three-year track.
- Maximum CUs in an activity refer to the maximum number of CUs that an educator/licensed professional can earn in an activity within each column movement.

#### **Professional Growth Plan Process**

The PGP will empower educators/licensed professionals to chart their own path toward instructional and professional growth. The goal of the development process is to align system activities with the natural cycle of goal setting as part of the Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF). The process for making a proposal under the Professional Growth System (PGS) shall include the following steps.



#### **Develop an Action Plan**

Choose your path according to your own needs and those of your students.

The educator/licensed professional shall fill in the information requested in Step 1 of the *Professional Growth Plan (CCF-PGS1)*, which allows all parties to have a better understanding of the context, purpose, and expectation of the PGP. Information may include, but is not limited to:

- 1. Current professional position.
- Brief description of the educator/licensed professional's current work, including whether he/she is a facilitator, mentor, teacher (grade level, subject, number of classes). etc.
- Brief description of assignment, including any appropriate information about the students and other background information (e.g., IEP, accommodations and/or modifications) and of the method of movement along the PST that is the focus of the educator/licensed professional's PGP.



#### Step 6

#### Document Accomplishments Pertaining to the Professional Growth Plan

Submit your final documents to receive your lane increase.

The documenting of accomplishments pertaining to the PGP should be evidence-based on NEPF Standards and Indicators in accordance with state law. The evidence should be clear on the connections between course work and student learning. Student's abilities should inform expectations of student academic growth.

Educator/licensed professional reflection takes time, training, and practice. Documentation of PGP accomplishments includes time spent analyzing and reflecting upon connections among documented accomplishments, focusing on instructional or professional challenges encountered, and discussing plans for continued professional growth and efforts that have an impact on student/adult learning.

Analysis of professional growth shall be determined by the NEPF Standards and Indicators. If the educator/licensed professional does not reach the expected outcome in the plan, he/ she shall be granted the opportunity to re-submit and demonstrate impact of the PGP.



#### Step 5

#### Yearly Review of The Professional Growth Plan Review your PGP progress annually.

The PGP will be reviewed annually with the educator/licensed professional and the supervisor to track progress and adjust as needed. The yearly review may be incorporated as part of goal setting and pre/post NEPF conferences. The PGP shall include details of student/adult learning, class/student demographics, connections to professional learning opportunities taken, and the impact on educator/licensed professional's practice. Annually, planned activities may be adapted in order to continue and update alignment with the educator/licensed professional's professional growth goals.



# **Connecting the NEPF**

- How can you develop an action plan that will align your NEPF goal(s) to your PGP? Your PGP will serve as evidence toward your NEPF Standards and Indicators.
- Reflect upon your practice and take ownership of your own professional growth through targeted and sustained professional learning opportunities.
- Incorporate your PGP into your NEPF goal setting and pre/post conferences, and use reflection as a vehicle toward a continual upward spiral of growth.

#### Step 4

#### Maintain Evidence of the Professional Growth Plan Keep formative documentation of progress toward your PGP.

Educators/licensed professionals will be required to maintain formative documentation of progress toward completion of the PGP. The document, titled *Contact Unit Log (CCF-PGS3)*, will record CUs completed. The *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)* will summarize professional learning, have attached evidence, and allow for educators/ licensed professionals to review of the impact on instructional and professional practice.

Supervisors and educators/licensed professionals will review the Formative Progress document and give growth-based, reflective feedback during the regular NEPF Evaluation Cycle. This feedback will record reflections by both supervisor and educator/licensed professional, and may serve as evidence of growth toward the professional responsibilities standard(s) for the educator/licensed professional if he/she wishes to use such evidence in that manner.

#### Step 2

#### Design the Professional Growth Plan Self-assess and work collaboratively with your supervisor to develop a clear path.

Using the *Professional Growth Plan (CCF-PGS1)* form, the educator/licensed professional self-assesses and then works collaboratively with the supervisor to set goals. The key actions are to analyze student data, reflect on past performance, and identify a student learning goal and/or professional practice goal that will serve as the focus of the PGP. The plan should outline a clear path for action that will support the educator/licensed professional's professional growth and improvement, align with school and/or District goals, leverage existing professional development and expertise from within the school/District where possible, impact school climate, and may include teacher-generated school and District assessment(s).

- 1. The PGP applies to all educators/licensed professionals or student learners and should support the NEPF's goals of:
  - a. Positively impacting the achievement of students in Nevada (Clark County);
  - b. Growing professionally through targeted, sustained professional development and other supports;
  - c. Monitoring student growth, identifying and developing quality instructional practices, and sharing effective educational methods with colleagues;
  - d. Reflecting upon practice and taking ownership for their professional growth; and
  - e. Participating in constructive dialogue and obtaining specific, supportive feedback from evaluators.
- 2. The PGP shall be the exclusive work product of the educator/licensed professional who has the sole discretion to submit evidence of progress toward professional growth under the plan for their evaluation. There are processes and forms in place to promote collaboration and ensure that the supervisor and educator/licensed professional agree that professional growth activities submitted are in alignment with the PGP and are included on the approved activities list. The plan can be mapped out as an individual, small group, or as an agreed upon schoolwide plan to address specific needs. The educator/licensed professional has the sole discretion to opt out of portions of a schoolwide PGP if there is a demonstrated reason that the proposed PGP does not meet the instructional or professional practice needs of the educator/licensed professional. Further, provisions and accommodations shall be made if an educator/licensed professional's supervisor changes in the process of working toward attainment of the 225 CUs.
- 3. In order to complete an individually designed PGP, proposed coursework or professional learning activities will match the specified number of contact hours with a clear connection to the agreed upon goals and authorized by the supervisor. Elements of the PGP shall be:
  - a. Contact units (CU) shall be defined as follows, "One (1) CU will be earned for each one hundred eighty (180) minutes of participation outside the educator/licensed professional's contractual workday and as approved by the principal/ designee or appropriate supervisor" (CCSD/ CCEA Negotiated Agreement, Article 26-1). Two hundred twenty-five (225) CUs trigger movement from one column to the next. Professional learning opportunities for salary advancement may not occur during an educator/ licensed professional's regular contractual workday. The banked time/ "SBCT" time referenced in CBA Article 21 cannot be used for CUs.
    - \*NOTE: Verification of qualifying coursework for <u>license renewal</u> shall be the sole responsibility of the educator/licensed professional. Not all CUs will apply to the Nevada license renewal process.
  - b. Each PGP shall contain an outline of professional learning activities. Professional growth opportunities shall be selected from among the provided list of options. The activities selected must connect deeply with the aims of the PGP in a manner that is consistent with the NEPF and District and/or department or schoolwide goals, and shall align with the needs of students served by the educator/licensed professional. Educators/licensed professionals, whose current evaluation system is being developed statewide, shall align their PGP to their current evaluation system.
  - c. Documented accomplishments shall be considered professional work that is completed outside of the contractual workday serving as evidence of student/adult learning. Categories of documented accomplishments include, but are not limited to, professional learning activities with families and communities, work as a leader/collaborator, and/or development as a learner. A list of suggested, but not limited to, documented accomplishments has been mutually agreed upon between the District and CCEA, and will be adapted as needed throughout the implementation of the PGS process.
  - d. Development of the PGP will include both the input of the educator/licensed professional and his/her supervisor.
  - e. Those programs that follow a designated path of coursework requirements may be utilized within a PGP. Educators/licensed professionals shall be required to record all elements of the PGP documentation, including but not limited to, the completion of the required 225 CUs. Designated programs will include, but are not limited to, successful completion of: National Board Certification, applicable Master's Degree programs, and applicable Doctoral Degree programs.

#### Step 3

# Finalize the Professional Growth Plan Propose your PGP to your supervisor.

The educator/licensed professional shall present the proposed *Professional Growth Plan (CCF-PGS1)* to the supervisor for final review and feedback. If the PGP is not mutually agreed upon by the educator/licensed professional and supervisor, the educator/licensed professional shall be given no fewer than seven (7) days to make adjustments and resubmit. The PGP must be finalized by the last day of October in order to be implemented in the same academic year. Included within this PGP will be the Professional Practice Assessment, action goal/s aligned with NEPF Standards and Indicators, record of proposed professional learning opportunities, estimate of the total CUs (minimum of 225) needed for the method of movement, and summary of planned impact on professional practice. While this should be a collaborative effort between the educator/licensed professional and the supervisor, the supervisor shall not substitute his/her own goal(s) for that of the educator/licensed professional's so long as the proposed PGP meets the specified criteria.

The supervisor shall authorize the final PGP according to specified criteria to be mutually agreed upon between the District and CCEA and the educator/ licensed professional shall submit documentation in a manner described in this guide. Such authorization shall not be unreasonably denied. If the PGP is not authorized by the supervisor, he/she shall offer feedback and the educator/licensed professional shall be given up to twenty-one (21) days to make adjustments and resubmit. If the educator/licensed professional does not agree with the supervisor's decision, an appeal can be submitted (See CCSD/CCEA Negotiated Agreement, Article 26-2-4).





# **Professional Development Activities**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
District Professional Development	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>5 CUs for each 1 PDE credit (1 PDE credit = 15 hours).</li> </ul>	Professional development must be taken and accrued in full CUs. The minimum amount of time for 1 course must be 3 hours. For example, 1 course may occur once a week for an hour over 3 weeks.
School/Site Professional Development	1 CU for each 180 minute time period.	Professional development must be taken and accrued in full CUs. The minimum amount of time for 1 course must be 3 hours. For example, 1 course may occur once a week for an hour over 3 weeks.
CCEA/The Nevada Collaboratory Professional Development	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Attending a Course Series (e.g., Diversity Series, Research Series, Content Series, etc.) includes 1 CU for each 180 minute time period for both in-class and specified out-of-class time.</li> </ul>	Professional development must be taken and accrued in full CUs. The minimum amount of time for 1 course must be 3 hours. For example, 1 course may occur once a week for an hour over 3 weeks.
RPDP Professional Development Workshops or Courses	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>For each 3-hour session, 1 additional hour of specified out-of-class time is included.</li> </ul>	Professional development must be taken and accrued in full CUs. The minimum amount of time for 1 course must be 3 hours. For example, 1 course may occur once a week for an hour over 3 weeks.  Note: RPDP courses which are taken for UNLV credits are subject to the same requirements as credits from NV DOE approved providers.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require a certificate of completion or transcript upon completion of the course.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Vegas PBS GOAL Courses	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>1.5 Vegas PBS GOAL credits are equivalent to 24 hours; therefore, 8 CUs.</li> </ul>	These courses are offered through Vegas PBS only for professional development credit. The course must be substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's licensed assignment or professional growth goals.
Professional/Specialty License Continuing Education Units (CEUs)	5 CUs for each 1 CEU, if the CEU is representative of 15 hours of instruction.	CEUs are generally for educators/licensed professionals who hold a specialty professional license, such as a social worker, psychologist, or the equivalent requirements for an educator/licensed professional licensed through the business and industry route.  CEUs must be substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's assignment and/or Career Pathway Goal(s).

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require a certificate of completion or transcript upon completion of the course.

#### **Professional Development Activities**



Activity		Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Attendance at professional development conferences provided by organizations officially recognized by the educational profession or content area at the state, local, or national levels.	•	1 CU for each 180 minute time period.	Organizations may be the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), or similar state-level organizations. Attendance at conferences which contain days/hours outside of the contractual workday may be counted and travel time is not counted.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), this professional learning activity requires a certificate of completion or transcript or other documentation displaying evidence of attendance at the conference.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Professional Learning Related to Paid Extracurricular Assignment	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 8 CUs.</li> <li>Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:</li> <li>Maximum 16 CUs.</li> </ul>	In order for this activity to count toward column movement, the professional learning session must not be required for the educator/licensed professional's licensed assignment (i.e., First Aid or Safety) and must be directly related to 1 of the following:  1. Technical expertise in the area of the extracurricular activity;  2. Motivation, team-building, or fostering of an inclusive environment;
		<ol> <li>The coaching or instruction of students in the area of the extracurricular activity; or</li> <li>Prevention of bullying, harassment, hazing, or other factors which impede the maintenance of a positive extracurricular experience.</li> </ol>

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), this professional learning activity requires a certificate of completion or transcript upon completion of the course.

> For additional provisions regarding "substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's assignment," see Article 26-10-4 (sections 1 through 9) of the Bargained Agreement.

# **Task Force Participation**



Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Writing, developing, or evaluating Districtwide	1 CU for each 180 minute time period.	Individuals are selected to participate on Districtwide
curriculum as part of a Districtwide committee.	Maximum 30 CUs.	curriculum committees.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), this professional learning activity requires pre-approval from the responsible administrator of the Districtwide Curriculum Task Force prior to participation and work evidence including agendas from the sessions.



#### **Presenting Professional Development**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Teaching a professional development course at a school/site for a minimum of 5 attendees.	1 CU for each 180 minute time period of teaching.  Maximum 50 CUs.	
Teaching a professional development course at the District level for a minimum of 5 attendees.	1 CU for each 180 minute time period of teaching.  Maximum 50 CUs.	
Teaching a professional development course for RPDP.	1 CU for each 180 minute time period of teaching.  Maximum 40 CUs.	
Teaching a professional development course for a Districtwide audience for which PDE credit is issued.	1 CU for each 180 minute time period of teaching plus 1 CU for each PDE credit for ongoing preparation/planning.  Maximum 50 CUs.	This is designed for educators/licensed professionals who deliver Districtwide professional development and teaching and preparation time are included. For example, a 3-credit PDE course has a value of 15 CUs (45 hours) and 3 CUs (15 hours) for ongoing preparation time for a total of 18 CUs to teach the course.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor or the responsible administrator of the professional development course prior to participation and agendas from the sessions.



## **Creating Professional Development**

Activity	Contact Units
Presentations at conferences provided by organizations officially recognized by the educator/licensed professional's profession or content area.	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period. Every 1-hour of presentation time is equivalent to 3 hours of preparation time.</li> <li>Maximum 10 CUs.</li> </ul>

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires an agenda of the presentation/session at the conference with the presenter's name aligned to the presentation/session.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Writing or developing a new professional development course for the educator/licensed professional's school/site designed for a minimum of 20 enrollees.	Maximum 50 CUs.	This activity is designed for educators/licensed professionals who write a new course or professional development opportunity at their school/site. This is for courses that are being written and developed for the first time; however, if the original course requires significant revisions, hours may be used to update a previously taught course.
Writing or developing a new professional development course for the District designed for a minimum of 20 enrollees.	Maximum 50 CUs.	This section is designed for educators/licensed professionals who write a new course or professional development opportunity offered at the District level. This is for courses that are being written and developed for the first time; however, if the original course requires significant revisions, hours may be used to update a previously taught course.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor or the responsible administrator of the professional development course prior to participation and documentation of the preparation time and activities.

#### **Online Professional Development**



Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Micro-Credentials	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 30 CUs.</li> </ul>	Each micro-credential must be substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's assignment. Only micro-credentials approved by Digital Promise may be utilized.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), this professional learning activity requires evidence of the digital badge/credential upon completion of the course.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Webinars	<ul><li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li><li>Maximum 10 CUs.</li></ul>	Accrued time is equivalent to the actual time for webinars. For example, 3, 1-hour webinars may be taken for 1 CU or 1, 2-hour webinar and 1, 1-hour webinar may be taken for 1 CU.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires evidence of the actual time of the webinar and a certificate of completion or transcript upon completion of the webinar.

Activity		Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Massive Open Online Content Courses (MOOCs)	•	1 CU for each 180 minute time period.	MOOCs must be provided by a school or organization within the platforms of EdX (http://www.EdX.org) or Coursera (http://www.coursera.org). The course must be substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's assignment.  MOOC CUs are issued at the low end of the estimated hours per week, multiplied by the number of weeks.  Hours for CUs may be determined by:  Copy of the syllabus with the average hours taken to complete the course.  University credits.
			If the number of hours needed for completion of the course is not included within the course description, CUs will be determined by the number of credits earned.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), one of the following pieces of evidence is required:

- Certificate of completion as issued by the university or organization.
- Evidence of the activity progress with completion status.
- Credits from the university.

The educator/licensed professional must provide evidence of the estimated hours per week for a MOOC.

For additional provisions regarding "substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's assignment," see Article 26-10-4 (sections 1 through 9) of the Bargained Agreement.



# **Professional Learning Communities**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Participation in a Professional Learning Community (PLC) in or among schools/sites by grade- level band, content, or course.	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 40 CUs.</li> <li>Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:</li> <li>Maximum 60 CUs.</li> <li>In Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools, an educator/licensed professional may be paid for participating in a PLC outside the contractual workday and also receive full CUs.</li> </ul>	Schools/sites may choose to organize PLCs within grade-level bands or content areas. Educators/licensed professionals may also be approved to participate in PLCs for focused learning across schools/sites.  For example, PLCs might include:  Grading Practices  Advanced Placement Courses  IEP Standards and Practices  International Baccalaureate Designation  Career and Technical Education Programs  Research Developments in a Specialty Area  District Initiatives  ELL Instructional Professional Learning  Equity/Diversity  Other Instructional Focus Areas

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor prior to participation and work evidence including agendas from the sessions.



# **School & Community Activities**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Assignment of Field Observation Students (FOS)	<ul> <li>1 CU for supporting a FOS no more than twice a year.</li> <li>Maximum 6 CUs.</li> <li>Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:</li> <li>2 CUs for supporting FOS no more than twice a year.</li> <li>Maximum 8 CUs.</li> </ul>	FOS shall be assigned to an educator/licensed professional by his/her supervisor. FOS must spend 10 hours of time observing the master teacher.
Assignment of Practicum Students	<ul> <li>1 CU each week for supporting a practicum student no more than once a year.</li> <li>Maximum 15 CUs.</li> <li>Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:</li> <li>2 CUs each week for supporting a practicum student no more than once a year.</li> <li>Maximum 20 CUs.</li> </ul>	Practicum students shall be assigned to an educator/licensed professional by his/her supervisor.
Assignment of Student Teachers	<ul> <li>1 CU each week for supporting a student teacher no more than once a year.</li> <li>Maximum 15 CUs.</li> <li>Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:</li> <li>2 CUs each week for supporting a student teacher no more than once a year.</li> <li>Maximum 20 CUs.</li> </ul>	Student teachers shall be assigned to an educator/licensed professional by his/her supervisor.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor prior to participation and a certificate of completion or other documentation from the teacher preparation program.

# **School & Community Activities**



Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Parent or Community Engagement Leadership: Designing, leading, and conducting activities designed to maintain and improve parent or community engagement with the parents/guardians at the educator/licensed professional's school/site.	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 20 CUs.</li> </ul>	Activities are designed and developed to align with the school/site's community needs. Activities must be beyond the required 3 nights. Activities might include, but are not limited to, the following:  Conducting short seminars.  Developing/designing family learning nights.  Developing/designing college and career parent/guardian informational sessions.
Serving on a designated school/site-based council aligned with AB 394.	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 40 CUs but by mutual agreement between CCEA and the District this maximum may be increased.</li> </ul>	This includes School/Site-based Committees; School/Site-based Decision-Making Teams; or other School/Site Councils aligned with AB 394.
The writing of a common assessment either for the District or as part of a schoolwide improvement plan.	<ul><li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li><li>Maximum 10 CUs.</li></ul>	

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor or the responsible administrator prior to participation and agendas from the sessions.

Activity	Contact Units	
Academic Trips or Competitions with students as requested by School Administration or the District	<ul><li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li><li>Maximum 20 CUs.</li></ul>	The educator/licensed professional can only accrue CUs for the time in which he/she is engaged in direct contact with students on the specific academic activities and/or competition. Travel time and sleep time do not count toward CUs.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2*), this professional learning activity requires pre-approval from the principal and the school's Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officer prior to participation and itinerary documentation from the academic trip/competition.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Group Level Professional Learning	Each plan may include a maximum of 60 CUs.	This professional learning plan is a 1-year proposal with a coherent series of professional learning activities to target the specific needs of educators/licensed professionals at a school/ site or educators/licensed professionals in the District with a similar role or assignment.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

The *Group Level Professional Learning Proposal (CCF-PGS5)* must be completed and approved by the supervisor/principal and the school's Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officer prior to implementation.

# **College Coursework: Approved Teacher Education Programs**

The following institutions of higher education are approved by the NV DOE to be teacher preparation program providers as of April 1, 2016. It is recommended to check the NV DOE website to see if additional institutions of higher education have become approved teacher preparation program providers.

> **Great Basin College** Nova Southeastern University University of Nevada, Reno **Lesley University** Sierra Nevada College **University of Phoenix National University Touro University-Nevada Western Governors University**

**Nevada State College** University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Although the following institutions do not offer degree completion programs, they do offer early childhood and other introductory education coursework:

College of Southern Nevada **Truckee Meadows Community College**  Western Nevada College



More information regarding these institutions of higher education can be found by scanning the following QR code with a mobile device or by entering the URL into an Internet browser:



http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator\_Effectiveness/Educator\_Develop\_Support/Approved\_Teacher\_Education\_Programs/



# **College Coursework**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
1 Semester Credit in Education	<ul><li>8 CUs per 1 semester credit.</li><li>5 CUs per 1 quarter credit.</li></ul>	Course(s) must be in the education department and at least a 300-course level or above or a 200-course level approved by the supervisor in alignment with the PGP. The course must be taken at an institution of higher education approved by the NV DOE as a teacher preparation program provider. The course(s) may also be taken at any college/university designated by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a Highest Research Activity or Higher Research Activity.
		The course(s) may be taken in person, video conference, online, or a blended-learning environment.
1 Semester Credit <b>not</b> in Education	<ul> <li>8 CUs per 1 semester credit.</li> <li>5 CUs per 1 quarter credit.</li> </ul>	Course(s) must be at least a 300-course level or above or a 200-course level approved by the supervisor in alignment with the PGP, must be substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's licensed assignment, and taken at an institution of higher education approved by the NV DOE to be a teacher preparation program provider. The course(s) may also be taken at any university designated by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a Highest Research Activity or Higher Research Activity.
		The course(s) may be taken in person, video conference, online, or a blended-learning environment.
Vegas PBS Teacherline Courses (1, 2, or 3 credits)	8 CUs per 1 semester credit.	Courses must be a 200-course level or above and must be substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's assignment or professional growth goals.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), these professional learning activities require an official transcript with a "B-" (2.7) or higher. If the course is a 200-course level, pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor is required prior to participation. Courses cannot be taken pass/fail unless the course(s) are taken from an approved university/college.

# **College Coursework**



Description and Limitations
Participation in coursework at a university/college not approved by the NV DOE to be a teacher preparation program and not a Highest Research Activity or Higher Research Activity will receive 5 CUs per 1 semester credit or 3 CUs per 1 quarter credit.
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The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), an official transcript with a "B-" (2.7) or higher is required.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
1 semester credit in a	• 8 CUs per 1 semester credit.	Courses which focus on the history and culture of diverse
university/college course with content substantively related	Le 5 Clls per 1 guarter credit	populations. Courses may include the 100-course level or above to become proficient in a language other than
	• If taken at the 100-course level, maximum 30 CUs.	English.
the 100-course level.	No maximum if taken at or above the 200-course level.	

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires an official transcript with a "B-" (2.8) or higher. If the course is a 100-course level, pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor is required prior to participation. Courses cannot be taken pass/fail.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Annenberg Learner Courses	Annenberg Continuing Education Units (CEU) conversions:	Credit through Colorado State University may also be
	• 1.0 CEU = 3 CUs.	accessed at the regular online course conversion rate. The course must be substantively related to the educator/
	• 1.5 CEUs = 5 CUs.	licensed professional's assignment.
	• 2.0 CEUs = 6 CUs.	
	• 2.5 CEUs = 8 CUs.	
	Maximum 40 CUs.	

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), this professional learning activity requires a certificate of completion or transcript upon completion of the course.

For additional provisions regarding "substantively related to the educator/licensed professional's assignment," see Article 26-10-4 (sections 1 through 9) of the Bargained Agreement.



## **Mentoring**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
<ol> <li>Mentor</li> <li>Participating in a mentoring relationship as the mentor aligned with at least one of the following:</li> <li>Mentoring an experienced educator/licensed professional in need of support as determined by the educator/licensed professional's supervisor.</li> <li>Mentoring a new educator/licensed professional with no teaching experience other than substitute teaching.</li> <li>Mentoring an educator/licensed professional with teaching experience who is new to the District within the past calendar year.</li> <li>Mentoring a long-term substitute teacher teaching in the areas of mathematics, science, English, or special education. In order for mentoring to be provided for the long-term substitute teacher, the substitute position is anticipated to last more than 60 school days.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 50 CUs.</li> <li>Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:</li> <li>Maximum 120 CUs.</li> <li>In Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools, an educator/ licensed professional may be paid for mentoring outside the contractual workday and also receive full CUs.</li> </ul>	Mentoring must occur outside of the contractual workday. Mentoring activities might include, but are not limited to, discussions, providing advice and feedback, observation and coaching, and assistance with writing lesson plans and IEPs.  Note:  The mentoring activities may be combined in any fashion.  5 CUs/15 hours of mentor-teacher professional development are available for educators/licensed professionals who want to improve their mentoring and coaching abilities.
Mentee Participating in a mentoring relationship as the mentee aligned with at least one of the following:  1. Serving as an experienced educator/licensed professional in need of support as determined by the educator/licensed professional's supervisor.  2. Serving as a new educator/licensed professional with no teaching experience other than substitute teaching.  3. Serving as an educator/licensed professional with teaching experience who is new to the District within the past calendar year.	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 20 CUs.</li> </ul>	Mentoring must occur outside of the contractual workday. This professional learning activity is for educators/licensed professionals who are being mentored.

An educator/licensed professional may accrue CUs during the contractual workday in alignment with mentoring only for observing another educator/licensed professional.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor prior to participation and documentation of the mentoring hours and activities.



# **Grant Writing**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Grant writing that directly impacts students, the school, or the school community.	<ul><li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li><li>Maximum 10 CUs.</li></ul>	In order for the grant writing to be eligible for CU accrual, the grant award must be for the benefit of the school, students, and/or the overall classroom climate/environment.
	Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:  • Maximum 30 CUs.	

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor prior to participation and evidence of the submission of the completed grant application.

# **Supplemental Instruction**



Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
School-Based Tutoring in Core- Content Areas	<ul><li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li><li>Maximum 30 CUs.</li></ul>	Educators/licensed professionals may design and deliver instruction one-on-one or in small groups of students. Instruction might
Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:		include supporting, accelerating, or remediating students before- or after-school.
	<ul> <li>Maximum 50 CUs.</li> <li>In Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools, an educator/licensed professional may be paid for tutoring outside the contractual workday and also receive full CUs.</li> </ul>	

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this activity requires pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor prior to participation and documentation of the tutoring hours and activities. For an educator/licensed professional who tutors students at a school other than his/her home school, the pre-approval section on the *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)* must be signed by the administrative supervisor at the school sponsoring the tutoring program. The CU maximums and options are tied to the educator/licensed professional's home school.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Summer School	<ul><li>15 CUs per session of summer school.</li><li>Maximum 30 CUs.</li></ul>	Educators/licensed professionals will be paid \$22/hour for teaching summer school and also receive CUs.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor during Summer School.

# **Award Applications**



Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Applying for national or state professional awards for the educator/licensed professional's recognition of excellence in professional practice.	<ul> <li>Maximum 10 CUs with no more than 5 CUs per award application.</li> <li>Maximum 30 CUs if the educator/licensed professional receives a national or state professional award of which he/she applied.</li> </ul>	For national and state awards, this must be recognition which requires documentation and evidence of impact on school/student achievement.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), evidence of the submission of the completed award application is required.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Community-Based Awards	Maximum 12 CUs with no more than 3 CUs for each unique application.	Community-based awards are provided by local agencies, companies, or other organizations. This includes awards available through the District for which an educator/ licensed professional may apply.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor prior to participation and evidence of the submission of the completed award application.



#### Student-Based Activities: Extracurricular Activities

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Educators/licensed professionals who coach a sport, advise, or coordinate an extracurricular club or activity.	*The maximum 30 CUs may accrue through the fall, winter, spring, and summer seasons.  • Any educator/licensed professional who is compensated for coaching/advising a sport, extracurricular club, or activity may accrue CUs at the ½ rate.  Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools:	The educator/licensed professional must be on the school's approved student activity or coaching list. CUs accrue for direct contact time for coaching /advising students in the area of an extracurricular assignment.  Sports and activities which occur throughout the year that include more than 1 season may count toward CUs. For example, a football coach who is compensated during the fall football season may earn ½ CUs. If he/she also conducts summer weight training with the football players for no compensation, he/she may accrue full CUs.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor prior to participation and documentation of the coaching/extra-curricular hours and activities. For an educator/licensed professional who coaches a sport or advises an activity or extracurricular club at a school other than his/her home school, the pre-approval section on the *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)* must be signed by the administrative supervisor at the school sponsoring the sport, activity, or extracurricular club. The CU maximums and options are tied to the educator/licensed professional's home school.



#### **Student-Based Activities: IEPs**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Special Education Teachers and Related Services Special Education Providers: Writing IEPs		Special education teachers and Related Services Special Education Providers may receive 1 CU for writing every IEP on his/her caseload for a maximum of 22 CUs.  Note: It is understood that writing every student's IEP on his/her caseload may occur during or outside the contractual workday.
General Education Teacher/ Licensed Professional: Participating Member of the IEP Team		A general education teacher/licensed professional may receive ½ CU for each student for whom the general education teacher/licensed professional participates in the IEP writing process or attends the IEP meeting to support the goals of the IEP for a maximum of 22 CUs.  Note: It is understood that participating in the IEP writing process or attending the IEP meeting to support the goals of the IEP may occur during or outside the contractual workday.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, each CU requires a copy of the first page of the completed IEP (CCF-530). All identifying information concerning the student and parent(s) must be redacted in alignment with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act prior to submitting.

# **Specific Programs That Enhance Teacher Effectiveness**



Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
National Education Association: Teacher Leadership Initiative (TLI)	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 15 CUs for participation in the TLI for modules and webinars.</li> <li>Capstone Project cannot exceed 35 CUs.</li> </ul>	A Capstone Project is completed to demonstrate the application of the educator/licensed professional's knowledge. The Capstone Project is submitted to the TLI Coach for approval.
NEA Early Career Leadership Fellows (ECLF) Program	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 15 CUs for participation in the ECLF for modules and webinars.</li> <li>Capstone Project cannot exceed 35 CUs.</li> </ul>	A Capstone Project is completed to demonstrate the application of the educator/licensed professional's knowledge. The Capstone Project is submitted to the ECLF Coach for approval.
Public Education Foundation: Teacher Leadership Academy	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 24 CUs for participation in the required coursework.</li> <li>Capstone Project cannot exceed 6 CUs.</li> </ul>	A Capstone Project is completed to demonstrate the application of the educator/licensed professional's knowledge.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require a certificate of completion or transcript and documentation of the completed Capstone Project with approval from the coach and/or program sponsor.

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Administrative Internship	1 CU for each 180 minute time period.	All administrative internship time must be
	Maximum 50 CUs.	approved by the supervisor and must align directly to position.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, this professional learning activity requires pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor prior to participation and documentation of the internship hours and activities.

Activity	Description and Limitations	
_	Professional learning activities completed to fulfill onboarding requirements, as aligned to the educator/licensed professional's assignment, may accrue CUs.	

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Successful Completion of National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Process and/or Certification	<ul> <li>133 CUs for successful completion of the NBPTS Process.</li> <li>92 CUs for the NBPTS Certification.</li> </ul>	Successful completion of the NBPTS process, including Components 1 through 4, may earn a total of 133 CUs. After successful certification of NBPTS, an additional 92 CUs may be earned.
Successful Completion of National Board Renewal	• 40 CUs.	National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) Certification Renewal Profile of Professional Growth.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), the NBCT certificate must be submitted as evidence.

# Contact Units Available Only While Working at Title I, Tier I and Title I, Tier II Schools

#### **School & Community Activities**

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Parent or Community Engagement Participation	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 30 CUs.</li> </ul>	An educator/licensed professional who takes an active role in activities designed to maintain and improve parent or community engagement with the parents/guardians of the students or at the school/site. Activities are designed and developed to align with the needs of the school community. Activities must be beyond the required 3 nights. Activities might include, but are not limited to, participating in the delivery of parent seminars or "Parent U" courses, taking an active role and participating in family learning nights, and participating in the delivery of college and career informational sessions.  Note: The maximum of 30 CUs in this category can be added to the maximum of 20 CUs in the
		Parent or Community Engagement Leadership category.
Schoolwide Planning	<ul> <li>1 CU for each 180 minute time period.</li> <li>Maximum 30 CUs.</li> </ul>	The program must be designed to have an impact on the school's student achievement or climate. This may include the creation and writing of schoolwide programs designed to improve student learning, climate, motivation, or writing/leading the development of schoolwide plans, such as the School Improvement Plan or the professional development and/or allocation plan as required by Title I or other regulations.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed *Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2)*, these professional learning activities require pre-approval from the educator/licensed professional's supervisor or the responsible administrator prior to participation, agendas from the sessions, and documentation of hours and activities.

#### Licensure

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Maintain a second endorsement on the educator/licensed professional's license. The endorsement must be outside of the educator/licensed professional's primary teaching/ licensed assignment and must be in the designated areas as noted in the box to the right. An educator/licensed professional must be rated "effective" or "highly effective" on his/her last evaluation.	<ul> <li>10 CUs for maintaining an endorsement.</li> <li>Maximum 20 CUs.</li> </ul>	ELEMENTARY: An educator/licensed professional may receive CUs for having an endorsement(s) not required for his/her primary teaching/licensed assignment in any of the following areas: TESL, literacy, mathematics, science, special education, and elementary education.  For example, a special education teacher may receive 10 CUs for maintaining an elementary education endorsement. A fifth-grade teacher may receive 20 CUs for maintaining a special education endorsement and a TESL endorsement.  SECONDARY: An educator/licensed professional may receive CUs for having an endorsement(s) not required for his/her primary teaching/licensed assignment in any of the following areas: TESL, English, mathematics, science, and special education.  For example, a special education teacher may receive 10 CUs for maintaining an English endorsement. A math teacher may receive 20 CUs for maintaining a science and a TESL endorsement.

The following documentation is required for the above activities:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), this professional learning activity requires a copy of the educator/licensed professional's license from the NV DOE website.

#### Mentoring

Activity	Contact Units	Description and Limitations
Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) Program		PAR Consulting Teachers may participate in 5 CUs/15 hours of mentor-teacher professional development. Mentoring must occur outside of the contractual workday.

The following documentation is required for the above activity:

In addition to the completed Contact Unit Verification Form (CCF-PGS2), this professional learning activity requires documentation of the mentoring hours and activities.



#### For More Information

CCSD Professional Growth System Department: 702-799-4PGS (702-799-4747) **or** CCEA Professional Learning Program: 702-733-3063

Additional information may be accessed on InterAct at *Ed Link* > *Professional Growth System* or by emailing "PGS FAQ Mailbox" on InterAct.

