

Professional Development Points

Participation in professional or staff development activities may be used to gain professional development points for licensure renewal.

Professional development points are awarded not just according to whether or not an educator has attended training. Points are awarded according to:

- How professional or staff development has led to increased knowledge;
- How it has been applied in practice; and
- What the results of that practice have been.

Professional Development Points and Semester Credit Hours For Licensure Renewal

If an individual holds a bachelor's degree, s/he must submit 160 professional development points earned under an approved individual development plan to renew a professional license. Half of the professional development points (80 points) must be awarded for completing appropriate college or university credit. One semester credit hour is equal to 20 professional development points. The Professional Development Council will determine the appropriateness of college credit before awarding points.

If an individual holds an advanced degree, s/he must submit 120 professional development points earned under an approved individual development plan to renew a professional license. The PDC will determine the appropriateness of college credit prior to awarding points. An individual with a graduate degree is not required to earn any points from completing semester credit hours. Professional development points earned through any combination of semester credits and other professional development activities may be submitted.

Individuals may apply semester credit hours directly to licensure renewal without being awarded professional development points for the credits ONLY if the credit hours are earned as part of an approved teacher preparation program for an added endorsement area, or for a school specialist or leadership license. The professional development points used for renewal of a license must be earned in at least one of three areas:

**Content Endorsement Standards,
Professional Education Standards, or
Service to the Profession.**

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Knowledge What do you know now that you did not know before?	1pt. = 1 clock hr.	1 pt. = 1 clock hr.	1 pt. = 1 clock hr.
Application What are you doing now that you could/did not do before?	2 X Knowledge Level points	2 X Knowledge Level points	No points awarded at this level.
Impact How has student performance improved? What has changed about the program?	3 X Knowledge Level points	3 X Knowledge Level points	No points awarded at this level.