

Pre-approved Online Professional Learning Opportunities

We continue to update both this document and the [specialized pre-approved courses](#) for specific content areas.

Based on criteria developed by the Professional Learning Department we have determined that the following organizations provide appropriate and rigorous online coursework. We do not endorse these organizations, however, their coursework meets our expectations; and therefore certificates earned through them will receive automatic approval. Online courses provided by organizations other than those listed below will be subject to a vetting process and may not be approved. These courses are general education courses, if you have any other course providers you would like for us to consider adding to this list, please contact [Jaime Green-Estrada, Professional Learning Coordinator](#)

****For organizations that provide Micro-credentials (or Badges) as their only verification of completion**, a copy of a badge's validation which includes the date when and to whom it was issued is necessary; an image of the badge will not suffice. Additionally, please use your district email whenever possible, this allows a clearer path for CDE to follow should we be audited. **For organizations that offer both a micro-credential and a certificate please submit the certificate.****

National Education Association: NEA professional development and micro-credentialing program <http://nea.certificationbank.com/>

An NEA micro-credential is a competency-based recognition that is issued for professional learning experiences. They are designed to support educators in both the development of skills and the acquisition of knowledge. NEA micro-credentials are FREE and are available to all educators, regardless of their membership status with NEA. Each micro-credential is worth 15 hours toward salary advancement.

Colorado Department of Education: CDE Online Library
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/professionaldevelopment/ondemand>

These resources are self-paced courses that can include online learning modules, archived webinar recordings, and more. Participants can receive a certificate upon completion. These courses are in development and there are only limited offerings as of fall 2018.

edX: free online courses offered by prestigious universities from around the world

<https://www.edx.org/> (certificates require a nominal fee)

edX has “more than 130 global partners, [and is] proud to count the world’s leading universities, nonprofits, and institutions as our members.” Many of the professional development courses are free, however, there is a nominal fee to receive a certificate. This site also offers micro-credentialing opportunities.

COpilot: (CEA online learning site)

<https://ceacopilot.org/courses/146?class=262>

Courses are accredited through Adams State College and cost \$145 for non-union members and \$45 for union members. “All of the classes are eligible for license renewal hours through the Colorado Department of Education. At the conclusion of each class, you will receive a certificate of completion for your records provided you submit a class evaluation.” Additionally, participants can receive graduate credits from Adams State University or the University of Northern Colorado.

National Council for Teachers of English: NCTE Online Professional Learning

<http://www.ncte.org/online-learning/credit>

NCTE is not a credit-granting agency, however, we do offer options to assist participants in our online professional development programming with earning credit toward their continuing education requirements. We currently offer three modes of online learning: Web seminars, self-paced Investigations, and facilitated online courses. There is a cost associated with many of these courses, though NCTE members do get a reduced price.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics: NCTM Online Professional Learning

<https://www.nctm.org/pd/>

“NCTM is not a credit-granting agency, however, we do offer options to assist participants in our online professional development programming with earning credit toward their continuing education requirements. We currently offer online learning only. There is a cost associated with many of these courses, though NCTM members do get a reduced price.”

Digital Promise

<https://microcredentials.digitalpromise.org/explore>

Micro-credentials from Digital Promise are issued by a variety of “organizations with content expertise in particular educator practices or competency areas, including non-profit and for-profit professional development organizations, ed-tech companies, institutions of higher education, and others”. Earning a Micro Credential through Digital Promise will earn you 15 hours toward salary advancement. There is no cost associated with earning a micro-credential.

“However, the issuing organization may choose to charge a reasonable assessment fee to cover the cost of assessing a micro-credential submission.”

Capella University

<https://www.capella.edu/online-degrees/education-certificate-programs/>