

Professional Development Options for South Carolina Educators

Educators not employed in a position requiring South Carolina educator certification are restricted to Options 1, 2, and 3 in the Matrix.

Certificate Renewal Option	Eligibility Criteria	Renewal Credits	Required Verification
1. College Credit	<i>All courses must</i> • Directly relate either to the educator's <i>area(s)</i> of certification, or to an area of certification in which the educator is formally enrolled, or to the goals of the educator and/or the educator's employing educational entity; • Be taken through an NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) or regionally accredited college or university or through a college or university that has programs approved for teacher education by the State Board of Education (SBE); • Be taken for credit; and • Result in a passing grade in a pass-fail class or in a grade of C or better.	Maximum: up to 120 renewal credits may be earned via this option during the five-year validity period of the certificate. Accrual rate: 1 semester hour of earned course credit = 20 renewal credits	In order to receive renewal credits via this option, the educator must provide • An official transcript from the college or university
2. State Department of Education Certificate Renewal Course	<i>All certificate renewal courses must</i> • Directly relate either to the educator's <i>area(s)</i> of certification or to the goals of the educator and/or the educator's employing educational entity; and • Have been approved by the State Department of Education, according to SBE criteria.	Maximum: up to 120 renewal credits may be earned through approved renewal courses during the five-year validity period of the certificate. Accrual rate: 1 semester hour of earned course credit = 20 renewal credits	In order to receive renewal credits via this option, the educator must provide • a report from the course administrator, as required by current SBE guidelines for certification renewal courses.