Summer Professional Development Requirements: Frequently Asked Questions

Can Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) classes fulfill PD hour requirements?
Yes, AACC offers free courses that will meet PD requirements. Offerings can be found on the PGD website or by clicking on the link below.

Do graduate school classes meet 20-hour eligibility requirements?
No

Do Unit IV employees have to fulfill 20-hour requirements?
No

Q: How many hours of APC credit can teachers earn for the full 9 hours of PD available through the Matrix?
A: If you complete the full 9 hours of PD from the Matrix, you can earn 0.6 APC credits.

NOTE: There is also partial credit available for every few hours of the matrix you complete. We will post a schedule for the award of partial credit later this week.

Do school-based school team PDs fulfill 20-hour PD requirements?
Yes, but courses must be completed between June 22 and August 12, 2020. Employees are not permitted to receive compensation and fulfill hourly PD requirements for the same offering.

I am a presenting a PD to colleagues. Can my presentation satisfy PD hour requirements?
Yes. However, employees are not permitted to receive compensation and fulfill hourly PD requirements for the same offering.

Can MSDE courses count towards my 20-hour PD requirement?
Yes, there are free offerings available from MSDE that will meet PD requirements. Please refer to the PGD website, other AACPS departments and offices, or by clicking the link below.

I was on FMLA leave during the spring/COVID 19 shutdown. Am I required to complete 20 hours of PD?
Yes

Is there a limit to the number of Google courses that count toward my hours?
No. In fairness to other colleagues who also need to complete E-Learning PDs, please select offerings that directly relate to your position or duties and responsibilities.

I have searched available offerings and many courses are full. Will there be other options available?
Yes. New courses will continue to be added. Please check the PGD website for updates.

Can I only select courses from PGD?
No, PD offerings can be chosen from other AACPS departments and offices.
Can I receive a stipend if my last PD offering makes my total number of PD hours greater than 20 hours?

No. An employee cannot receive any compensation for a PD that is taken to satisfy this requirement.

Can I unenroll for a Micro-Credential course?

Yes. Please email the instructor or mailto:PGD@aacps.org to request removal.

I completed the SafeSchool training in less than four hours, how much time should I record on my PD log?

Employees should log 4 hours upon completion of all SafeSchools trainings.

Where are equity PD offerings located?

Equity PD offerings can be found on the PD Learning Matrix and in the Equity in the 2020 Resource Guide in the PD for Everyone section on the “Up Your Game” tab.

What are my options if I have daytime commitments?

Self-paced PDs offerings can be found on the PD Learning Matrix. You can also log onto LGS and type “Self-paced” into the search option.

Where can I find self-paced PDs?

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How do I log completed PD offerings?

A log to track PD hours will be made available soon. Please track offering details and completed hours and transfer information once the AACPS log is published.

Where can I find additional PD offering?

Please click on the following links:

- Professional Development Learning Matrix
- Utilize PGD’s Professional Development Opportunities Website
- FAMEous Wednesday Workshops
- SafeSchools link
- Unified Talent Learn Grow Succeed (LGS)