

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

What are Professional Development Hours (PDHs)?

One professional development hour (PDH) represents one clock hour spent in a planned continuing education experience that is relevant to the profession or discipline of special education, is developed from explicit learning outcomes, conducted by qualified instructional personnel, and designed to reflect principles of good practice in adult education.

Will CEC PDHs count toward my license or certification requirements?

Many states accept CEC professional development activities toward their requirements, but some do not. Check in advance with the relevant credentialing authorities in your state to ensure virtual training is accepted and whether it must be live (synchronous) or if it can be recorded (asynchronous). Note that many states have made exceptions during the pandemic to allow for virtual and/or asynchronous learning to count.

What convention activities carry CEC PDHs?

You can earn CEC PDHs for all convention education sessions, including convention workshops, presentations with Q&A, panels, demonstrations, teacher slam, data blitz, and posters. Activities that are not eligible for PDHs include meetings, exhibits, and exhibitor showcase sessions, social events, and awards ceremonies.

Synchronous Sessions on the program include the following: **Headliners** (3), Keynotes; **Preconference Workshops** (16), *additional fees apply*; **Mainstage Presentations** (30)

Asynchronous Sessions include Panels (53), Posters (417), Presentations with Q&A (222), Teacher Slams (19), Data Blitz (6), Collaborative Sessions (3), Demonstrations (37), Multiple Presentations (64)

What are the requirements to receive CEC PDHs?

- You must be registered for the convention.
- You must view/attend a session in full to claim it for PDHs. (Poster session credit is .75 or 45-minutes)

How will I claim credit?

- Credits are based on an honor system. There is no limit on the number of sessions you view/attend and claim.
- Using the Whova.com web version or mobile app, add sessions to YOUR Agenda. This will help you quickly claim your credits.
- You will receive an email with login information to the PDH portal in early March. You will enter each session you view/attend. Specific instructions will be provided.
- You will have through **June 30, 2021**, to view/attend sessions and claim your credits. You will have the option to print a Certificate of Attendance and a PDHs transcript.