



## Course Approval Request Form

Use this customized approval request form to print and share with your district or state teaching licensure authority when seeking approval for a Professional Development Institute course.

### About PDI

The Professional Development Institute (PDI) has been offering quality online courses to K-12 educators for decades and providing training to teachers across the globe. Every PDI course is approved for graduate-level credit through the prestigious University of California San Diego (UCSD) Extension, ranked in the top ten universities in the United States.

UC San Diego is part of the University of California system and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

Every PDI course is instructor-led and includes practical strategies for immediate implementation into the classroom, opportunities to interact with the instructor and other participants, rich content, and valuable assignments. Every PDI course is approved as 3 1/3 semester units (or 5 quarter units) of graduate-level credit, equivalent to 50 training hours. Teachers must spend a minimum of three weeks in each course (consecutively, when taking multiple courses) before a final grade is released.

### Teacher Information

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>ID #:</b>
<b>School Name:</b>	<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	<b>Grade Level:</b>	<b>Daytime Phone:</b>

Course Number and Title:

**28T02 / 28AXX / EDUC41452 Reading to Learn: Developing Strategic Reading Skills**

I am taking this course:

\_\_\_\_\_ for 3 1/3 semester unit of graduate level credit. Upon completion, I will receive a transcript from UC San Diego Extension.

\_\_\_\_\_ As an in-service course. I may request a PDI Grade Report to document my completion.

*\*This course is approved as 50 training hours, whether taken for graduate credit or in-service.*

Course Description:

Why do excellent early readers often begin to struggle when they enter the middle grades? This online course focuses on helping teachers work with students on key reading skills. Teachers will learn how to develop active instructional strategies that facilitate student acquisition and development of reading skills in a variety of disciplines. Emphasis is on vocabulary development and comprehension strategies. Teachers will also understand the importance of text structure as students move from reading primarily narrative text to much more expository text. Teachers will also learn how to create text-dependent questions to help students develop close reading skills. Assessment options for tracking reading skills and improvement will also be explored. Teachers will also learn how to establish guided reading groups.

Seeking approval for:

\_\_\_\_\_ recertification/relicensure

\_\_\_\_\_ personal and/or professional growth

\_\_\_\_\_ district or state requirement

Signature

Date