



## 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:

**74T02 / 74AXX / EDUC41476 Comprehension Strategies for Middle and Upper Grades**

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:

Are you concerned about students who read the assigned text or chapter yet have little or no comprehension of the content upon completion? Effective comprehension skills are critical for students in the upper grades, as they are exposed to more difficult content reading. This online course provides teachers with excellent strategies designed to boost both comprehension and retention. Teachers will learn successful comprehension-building strategies such as DRTA, SQ3R, and close reading. Lessons are presented to teach students how to infer, draw conclusions, and summarize. Teachers will receive resources that can be used to teach students about the different text structures and how they can use that information to improve their comprehension. Teachers will also learn how to conduct quick assessments in order to identify struggling readers so that they may offer the necessary support to help those students find success.

Seeking approval for:

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

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

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

Signature

Date