

CTA/NEA Micro-Certifications

A QUICK GUIDE TO GETTING STARTED!

What are micro-certifications?

Micro-certifications are short, focused, competency-based courses that allow educators to demonstrate mastery in a particular area. Successful completion of a micro-certification confers a digital badge. The digital badge details micro-certification requirements, verifies fulfillment, and can be printed or shared as proof of completion. Micro-certifications are free for CTA members.

How are they different from other offerings?

RELEVANT

Practitioners are free to choose any micro-certification from our stacks which addresses their immediate professional learning needs.

FLEXIBLE

Practitioners can complete micro-certifications individually or as part of a team. They can complete them quickly or take up to six months.

JOB-EMBEDDED

The evidence-based practices are immediately applicable for practitioners are designed to integrate within existing workflow.

How do educators access micro-certifications?

1.



Browse the [micro-certification library](#) stacks and select one that interests them.

4.



Submit/resubmit the short responses, artifacts, and reflections to be evaluated by NEA reviewers.

2.



Create an online account in the [CTA/NEA portal](#) and register for the micro-certification (free for members).

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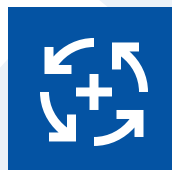
Once notified, log back into the CTA/NEA portal and the badge is ready to be printed shared, or displayed!

3.



Review micro-certification research, select tools, apply them in practice, gather artifacts, complete reflection.

6.



As the need or interest arises, select another micro-certification and perhaps invite a colleague to join!

Can I submit micro-certifications to my district for credit?

Each micro-certification is calibrated to approximately 15 hours of active professional learning. Each of the offered CTA/NEA micro-certifications has also been vetted by California State University, Chico and can be submitted to CSU Chico, along with a small fee per unit, for one University credit. Due to the level of micro-certification rigor and the double-blind submission review process, we firmly believe that successful completion of a micro-certification easily warrants local credit for the purposes of salary schedule advancement without submitting them for university credit first. Please check our website for more information!

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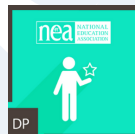
Which micro-certifications are currently available?

Each of the following stacks include multiple micro-certifications organized around a common theme or topic. The hyperlinks will take you to the CTA/NEA Portal where you can review information related to requirements, intended audiences, and micro-certification syllabi.



Assessment Literacy

[6 micro-certifications](#)



Exceptional Learners

[6 micro-certifications](#)



Arts Integration

[8 micro-certifications](#)



Diversity, Equity, Culture

[3 micro-certifications](#)



Supporting LGBTQ Students

[6 micro-certifications](#)



Classroom Management

[8 micro-certifications](#)



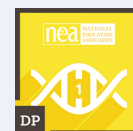
English Language Learners

[8 micro-certifications](#)



Technology Integration

[6 micro-certifications](#)



NBCT Five Core Propositions

[5 micro-certifications](#)

How can local associations and districts support access to micro-certifications for practitioners?

Micro-certifications are a fantastic job-embedded professional learning option for individuals and local communities of practice. They allow for practitioners to choose topics based on interest and need. They create opportunities for shared learning experiences while also integrating seamlessly within the existing practitioner workflow.

Local associations and school districts can work together to:

- Review and pre-approve CTA/NEA Micro-certifications for credit on the salary schedule.
- Integrate micro-certification offerings into local professional learning communications.
- Allocate professional learning time for micro-certification planning, implementation, reflection.
- Organize and support cross-site communities of practice based on interest/need.
- Add a link on the professional learning website to www.cta.org/cta-nea-micro-certifications.
- Schedule a training for leaders or facilitators (at the request of the local association president).
- Create choices and identify supports for educators. Never make micro-certifications mandatory!

Where can we access additional resources or support?

All information related to CTA/NEA Micro-certifications are available on our website: