

University Credit at PCMI

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Executive Summary

- Credit is for Mathematics 497: *Math Topics for Teachers* from the University of Washington
- Six quarter credits = 4 semester credits
- Cost is \$225. Payment by credit card or check.
- No letter grade: Grade is *Credit* (or *No Credit*)
- No additional work for credit beyond full participation in PCMI TLP.
- Can you take the course more than once? Yes, it is a topics course, so when the topic is different...

How to get the Credit

- Today, on the tables are some application forms. Monica and I will have extra copies, and a pdf of the form is linked to the Morning Shorts on the website.
- To get the credit, fill out the form and pay by check using US Mail, or by credit card via US Mail, a phone call, or a fax (no online payment, sorry).
- Deadline: You must **return mail or fax the form to UW** before end of PCMI.
- You will also get an info sheet. It tells you how to get your transcript from UW, so ***KEEP THE FORM.***

Local Issues using the Credit

- One thing we have learned is that every district or state or entity has different rules for PD credit.
- It is up to you to figure out whether it will be useful in your context.
- So if you are not sure about your local rules, please find out quickly so that you can meet the deadline.
- The most common issue revolves around the term “graduate credit.”

What is “Graduate Credit?”

- Important point: At the UW, “graduate credit” is credit you earn while in a graduate program. So unless you are enrolled in a UW Master’s or Doctoral program, you will not get graduate credit. Your transcript will say that it is not graduate credit.
- You will get credit for a **graduate-level course** that can be used for graduate credit by UW Masters and Doctoral students in education and Masters students in Math.
- This credit has been used successfully by many PCMI teachers – but occasionally it requires extra effort and documentation to explain this distinction to officials.

More Details and Documentation

- A discussion of the grad credit issue and also several links to useful documentation can be found at
www.math.washington.edu/~king/credit
- At the end of PCMI, you will get a letter explaining what you did in the program. This may be helpful with local administrators.
- **These slides will be on the PCMI Math Forum site** if you want to review them or to find the link.