

SCECH Overview

What are SCECHs?

State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) programs are Michigan Department of Education (MDE) approved professional development activities used for renewal of certificates/licenses issued by the MDE. SCECHs are earned by attending programs offered by schools, colleges, and educational associations that follow MDE's quality professional development criteria. SCECHs reflect the total number of instructional hours provided in a program.

There are two categories of SCECH programs: Traditional and Non-Traditional programs. The SCECH program application is the same for both, although the approval process includes different requirements for each category.

Traditional Activities

Traditional programs are face-to-face conferences, meetings, or workshops offering professional development focused on a specific topic or related topics.

Non-Traditional Activities

Non-Traditional professional development activities, such as those listed below, also are eligible for SCECH credit, **if prior approval is received. To receive SCECH credit for these Non-Traditional programs, you MUST contact your local SCECH Sponsor before starting the activity to receive qualification instructions and required validation forms.** SCECHs can only be earned by filing the appropriate paperwork within 30 days after the activity.

Note: SCECHs for these activities may be earned up to a maximum of three times toward certificate renewal in a certificate renewal period.

- Supervision of Student Teacher/Teacher Intern, School Counselor Internship, School Psychologist Required Practicum/Internship, or Pre-Teaching/Mid-tier Student/Pre-Service Student
- Mentoring a new Teacher, new School Counselor, new School Psychologist, or a new Principal/Administrator
- Serving on an approved accreditation review and/or site visit team, K-12 School Improvement Team, School Committee, or MDE Committee

Other Activities

You MUST contact your local SCECH Sponsor 45 days before starting these activities for qualifications, instructions, and required validation forms.

Credit can only be earned by filing the appropriate paperwork. Please contact your SCECH Sponsor with specific questions.

- Military Training
- Individual Professional Activity – Adjunct/guest teaching in a college or university offering *advanced* degree programs
- National Board Certification

Participation Requirement

Participants must have 100% attendance at program offerings. Verification of attendance is required and participants must comply with the program's attendance documentation method and complete an online evaluation of all offerings. Failure of a participant to fulfill the requirements will result in no SCECHs being awarded for that offering. Instructors and speakers may not earn SCECHs for the programs in which they are facilitating or presenting.

SCECH Sponsors and SCECH Catalog

Only approved sponsors may apply directly to the MDE for approval to offer training and/or conferences for SCECHs. A complete list of approved [SCECH Sponsors](#) and the [SCECH Catalog](#) listing approved SCECH program offerings can be found in the top gray bar within the [Michigan Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#).

Approved SCECH program offerings can be sorted by date, by category (content area), and by Sponsor. Click on the title of the program to view the narrative, number of SCECHs to be awarded, offering dates, and the SCECH Sponsor.

Individuals and private vendors may not submit SCECH program approval applications directly to the MDE. They may, however, apply through an approved Sponsor to offer SCECHs for their programs. The Sponsor will provide the individual or private vendor with the complete application requirements. The SCECH Sponsor must receive a detailed agenda **at least 45 days prior to the start date of the program.**

Significance of SCECHs

Generic continuing education units (CEUs) cannot be used toward renewal of MDE issued certificates/licenses. Renewal hours must be college credit, SCECHs, or district provided professional development.

Please contact your local SCECH Coordinator with questions about specific program offerings. For general information about SCECHs, please contact the SCECH Program Administrator at SCECH@michigan.gov or 517-241-4928.