

What are SCECHs?

State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) are state-approved workshops, trainings, meetings, or conferences that are used for the renewal of educator certificates issued by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). SCECHs equal the total instructional hours in a program/meeting. All SCECH programs must be pre-approved by MDE prior to the start of any program.

Attendance Requirement

SCECHs are contact-hour based. Participants must have 100% attendance at the SCECH program and complete an online evaluation to be awarded SCECHs. Verification of attendance and completing an online evaluation of all offerings is required. Failure of a participant to fulfill all the requirements will result in no SCECHs being awarded for that program.

Traditional Conferences, Workshops, Etc.

Attendance at traditional workshops, seminars, and conferences is verified by 100% attendance. Failure of a participant to attend the entire offering and complete an online offering evaluation will result in no SCECHs being awarded for that offering.

Non-Traditional Activities

Non-traditional professional development activities listed below are also 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](#) when starting the assignment for qualifications, instructions and validation forms required**. Credit can only be earned by filing the appropriate paperwork within 30 days after the assignment.

School-based non-traditional professional development:

- Supervision of Student Teacher/Teacher Intern
- Supervision of School Counselor Internship
- Supervision of School Psychologist Required Practicum/Internship
- Supervision of Pre-Teaching/Midtier Student/Pre-Service Student
- New Teacher Mentor
- School Counselor Mentor
- School Psychologist Mentor
- New Principal/Administrator Mentor
- K-12 School Improvement Team
- School Committee Meetings

SCECHs for these school-based non-traditional activities can only be used three (3) times toward certificate renewal or progression within a certificate validity period.

Other Non-Traditional Professional Development:

- Military Training - Relevant military training may qualify. Contact MDE's Troops to Teachers representative, Edwardeen Jones at JonesE9@michigan.gov
- Individual Professional Activities – Adjunct/guest teaching in an advanced degree college or university. To receive SCECH credit for this program, you MUST contact your local SCECH Sponsor 45 days before starting the assignment for qualifications, instructions, and validation forms required. Credit can only be earned by filing the appropriate paperwork.
- Completion of the components of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards - **Please contact the Michigan American Federation of Teachers Association or Michigan Education Association for more information.**

Approved Sponsors and Approved SCECH Offerings

A complete list of [SCECH Sponsors](#) and the [SCECH Program Catalog](#) can be found online.

Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS)

MOECS provides educators and administrators the ability to track all SCECHs awarded to them in one central location. To use the system, educators must have a [personal account](#) and a certificate/license issued by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

The SCECH system requires the use of a common evaluation, which will provide greater detail on program quality for all participants in all SCECH programs. SCECH coordinators upload participation records, triggering an automated email to each participant that requests completion of the common evaluation. SCECHs will be awarded when the evaluation has been completed.

Who is eligible to use SCECHs for certificate approval?

All educators with certificates/licenses issued by the MDE Office of Professional Preparation Services are eligible to use SCECHs toward certificate/licensure renewal.

Basic Directions

SCECHs awarded after January 1, 2010 are now maintained in [MOECS](#). Review and make any changes to the Personal Information, then click Update or Confirm. Continue to the View Professional Learning page to view awarded SCECHs and Access Evaluations Due.

Significance of SCECHs

Generic CEUs cannot be used toward renewal of the certificates/licenses issued by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Only state approved SCECH training counts toward certificate renewal. Training programs and/or conferences sponsored by an authorized provider of the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) are eligible for SCECHs via collaborative agreements between the MDE, Office of Professional Preparation Services, and IACET. Contact your local [SCECH Sponsor](#) to transfer these hours into our SCECH system.

SCECH Record Responsibility

Both the approved SCECH Sponsor and the individual are responsible for record keeping. The Sponsors are required to collect and maintain records of all eligible participants who are awarded SCECH credit for seven years after the end date of a program.

Participants are responsible for maintaining their personal information in MOECS where their SCECH credits are recorded. The State of Michigan does not maintain a central registry of awarded State Board Continuing Education Units (SB-CEU) credit awarded prior to December 31, 2009. If the participant requires a copy of awarded SCECH credit, a transcript is to be obtained from MOECS.

For general information about SCECHs, please contact the SCECH Program Administrator at SCECH@michigan.gov or 517-241-4928