

AACS Professional Employee Certification Program and the Continuing Education Unit

Who Needs CEUs?

Teachers and administrators who have a Paraprofessional, Professional, or Advanced Professional certificate under the AACS Professional Employee Certification Program need to earn CEUs or college credits (semester hours) in order to renew their certificate. Temporary and Provisional certificates require college credits (semester hours) in order to renew their certificate.

How Many CEUs Are Required?

The Professional and Advanced Professional categories of certification specify that six (6) CEUs (nine under the new 2005 application) are needed for renewal. These units must be in programs that have been approved by AACS.

What Is a CEU?

One CEU is equal to 10 contact hours in an organized, continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. Fractional units may be earned (0.1 CEU for each session that is a minimum of one hour in length).

What About Application Forms?

Forms for recording CEUs are available from the AACS office and on the AACS website. One form needs to be completed for each CEU workshop, class, or session. It is not necessary to send earned certificates from other CEU granting associations; the AACS CEU application form is all that is necessary.

What Programs Are Approved?

- CEU Education Programs offered by colleges who are members of the American Association of Christian Colleges and Seminaries (AACCS).
- Other college CEU Education programs may be approved. Please verify, in advance, with the AACS Education Office.
- Most regional and state AACS teacher conventions offer CEU approved programs. Please verify this with your convention coordinator.
- Other seminars, workshops, teacher professional development programs, and video series may be approved. Please verify, in advance, with the AACS National Office (i.e. Institute of Basic Life Principles, “Seven Laws of the Teacher”, “Seven Laws of the Learner”, Take Tenn videos, etc.)
- Schools may conduct their own CEU activities. If a school conducts its own CEU activity, it is necessary to complete the *Application for Onsite Activity Form* prior to the activity taking place. This will ensure that the activity will be accepted for CEU credit. Each teacher is permitted 0.4 CEUs each year for onsite activities.