

2017-18 Teacher Academy FAQ

Q. *Is the Teacher Academy sponsored by the WV Center for Professional Development mandatory?*

A. The WVCPD Teacher Academy is a voluntary professional development opportunity unless your county requires you to attend.

Q. *Who is eligible to attend?*

A. WV teachers are eligible to register for the WVCPD Teacher Academy.

Q. *Do I have to complete all of the required sessions or can I attend just one or two sessions?*

A. You may attend individual sessions. However, if you are seeking graduate credit or a completion certificate you must complete the required sessions.

Q. *Where do I gain information about the process, session locations, and dates?*

A. You can get details about the process and individual sessions as well as directions for registration at www.wvcpd.org.

Q. *I am a substitute teacher. Can I attend the WVPCD Teacher Academy?*

A. Substitute teachers may attend the academy if there is space available. You need to contact Dr. Carla Warren at Carla.Y.Warren@wv.gov, or 304-558-0539 two weeks prior to the session to check for space availability.

Q. *Can I earn graduate credit for attending the WVCPD Teacher Academy?*

A. Yes. If you complete the requirements detailed on our website and in the Teacher Academy brochure, graduate credit is available for the spring semester through Marshall University or West Virginia University for an additional fee.

Q. *How do I apply for graduate credit?*

A. Applications will be available for download under the Teacher Academy tab at www.wvcpd.org, after February 1, 2018. Applications must be postmarked to the university by April 15, 2018.

Q. *Will I receive a stipend to attend?*

A. The WVCPD (West Virginia Center for Professional Development) does not provide stipends for educators to attend the Teacher Academy. Please check with your county to see if they provide a stipend.

Q. *Will my mileage be reimbursed for travel to the sessions?*

A. The WVCPD does not reimburse mileage for educators to attend the Teacher Academy sessions. Please check with your county to see if they provide mileage reimbursement.

Q. *How do I get lodging if I am traveling to the session?*

A. If you are traveling more than 80 miles or 90 minutes to the session, the WVCPD will provide single lodging. Please request lodging when you register for your session.

Q. *Can I make substitutions if I want to attend sessions that are in a different order from those listed in the brochure and on the website?*

A. You do not have to attend the sessions in any particular order. However, you have to complete one session from Menus A, B and C to meet the requirements for academy completion and graduate credit.

Q. Can I attend all the sessions offered in the same year?

A. Each cycle year (Summer 2017-Spring 2018) you may attend a maximum of three sessions (one session from Menus A, B, and C).

Q. *How many hours of graduate credit will I earn for completing the academy?*

A. If you satisfactorily complete the requirements, you are eligible to apply for three hours of graduate credit in spring 2018.

Q. *Will I receive anything to validate that I completed the Teacher Academy?*

A. You will receive a certificate of completion in the spring if you have successfully met the requirements of the academy.

Q. *Can the graduate credit hours from the Teacher Academy be used for the renewal of my teaching certificate?*

A. Graduate hours earned for completion of the Beginning Teacher Academy can be used for renewal credit and additional hours beyond a degree. The hours may not be applied towards a degree program.

Q. *What is the cost to attend?*

A. There is a one-time fee of \$125.00 to attend the academy. This fee will cover the cost of up to 3 sessions you attend during the 2017-2018 cycle. You may mail your payment to WVCPD at 208 Hale Street, Charleston, WV 25301, or pay online when you register. There will be an additional fee to apply for graduate credit payable to the university.

Q. *Will I receive a confirmation before the session?*

A. You will receive an automatic email confirmation from our website when you register. You will receive a more detailed confirmation for the Teacher Academy, approximately one week prior to the session.

Q. *Will I receive any correspondence from the hotel?*

A. Lodging information will be emailed from WVCPD approximately one week prior to the session. You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel. If you have lodging questions, please contact Dr. Carla Warren Carla.Y.Warren@wv.gov, or Brooke Green Brooke.S.Green@wv.gov, prior to the session.

Q. *If I don't attend all the sessions required for graduate credit, can I attend in summer 2017 to finish the academy?*

A. All the requirements must be completed during the 2017-2018 Teacher Academy cycle starting in the summer of 2017 and ending in the spring of 2018.