

## OEA Micro-Credential PLC Mini-Grant

**The OEA Center for Great Public Schools and Union School are excited to offer \$200 mini-grants to support member-led micro-credential Professional Learning Communities.**

**WHAT:** Micro-credentials are free, high-quality, self-directed professional development. Educators demonstrate mastery of specific competencies, and earn digital badges to share with networks, on resumes, or in an educator profile. Browse the NEA micro-credential catalog at [nea.certificationbank.com](http://nea.certificationbank.com).

**WHY:** Data shows that educators working collaboratively in a PLC have a higher rate of successfully completing micro-credentials. Also, authentic, educator-driven and led PLCs are an effective and powerful form of collaborative learning. Educators can earn PDU certificates to renew their license for completing the PLC and earning a micro-credential.

**HOW:** Complete the [Micro-Credential PLC Mini-Grant form](#). Then, recruit your PLC and get started. OEA will provide a collaborative support group for all mini-grant recipients and tools to run effective PLCs.

The micro-credential PLC cycle has four steps:

- **select** a micro-credential,
- **collect** evidence of proficiency,
- **submit** artifacts for review,
- **share** your digital badge upon complete.

**WHEN:** Members can apply for mini-grants at anytime in the school year. Each micro-credential requires *approximately 15 hours* of work including research, preparing artifacts, and writing reflections. PLC mini-grant recipients should plan for a *6 to 12-week* PLC cycle, with six to seven 45-60 minute PLCs.

**WHO:** Any OEA member can apply for a grant and become a micro-credential PLC leader. Any educator can join the PLC; they do not need to be members. OEA will ask for a roster of PLC participants.

### GRANT DETAILS:

- [Application link](#)
- OEA will provide \$200 per mini-grant. The funds provide a \$150 stipend for the PLC leader and \$50 for PLC supplies such as food or other materials (receipts required).
- Members can apply for additional grants after completing one PLC cycle.
- PLC leads sign a memorandum of understanding outlining OEA and member responsibilities.
- OEA Staff will provide support, resources, and technical assistance to the grantee.
- Upon completion, OEA will issue PDU certificates for the PLC and the micro-credential, for a total of 21 PDUs.

**Learn more about micro-credentials and access the application form at [www.oregoned.org/onlinelearning](http://www.oregoned.org/onlinelearning). For more information, contact us at [oealearn@oregoned.org](mailto:oealearn@oregoned.org).**