

## Exploration - PD Center

PD Center courses are free online courses that can be used to fulfill Act 48 requirements. Each course is moderated and is self-paced. The courses are either 90 or 180 days in duration.

1. Click MySAS in the upper-right hand corner of any page in SAS.
2. Choose PD Center from the MySAS menu.
3. Click on the Menu button.
4. Click on Course Catalog/Registration

NOTE: A PPID number is required in order to receive Act 48 credit for any classes taken in the PD Center. Users without a PPID number will be able to take Courses, but will not be able to receive Act 48 credit unless a valid PPID number is entered into their Profile.

NOTE: There are two types of courses currently available in the PD Center for Teachers.

- Teaching Frameworks courses are aligned to the components of Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching, and support the Teacher Effectiveness System in Pennsylvania.
- General PD Courses are a selection of online courses that support a wide-ranging set of curriculum, instruction, and assessment topics - supporting the elements within the SAS Portal.

5. Click the plus sign (+) to the left of the Domain *Planning and Preparation*.
6. Click the plus sign (+) to the left of the Component *Demonstrating Knowledge of Students*.
7. To preview a course, click on **Options** → **Preview**.
8. Briefly review the content for the course. Use the tabs at the top of the content for navigation.
9. Close the Course Preview window by closing the current browser tab.
10. Review a few additional courses.
11. You can register for any PD Center course by clicking the Options → Register button. (NOTE: Your registration in the course begins immediately when the Register button is clicked. You may elect to withdraw without penalty at any point.)

Please note: There are job-embedded activities found in all of the courses that require educators to integrate the knowledge and skills learned within a course into the classroom. If you currently are not a full-time teacher or you have an educational role that supports students outside of the classroom, SASPD courses 1-8 contain alternate job-embedded activities that allow you to fulfill all course requirements to obtain Act 48 credit.

*Effective Strategies Supporting Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Instruction, Teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Need for Change, and K-12 Math Open-ended Problem Solving*, contain numerous job-embedded activities that require classroom implementation. If you are unable to meet these requirements, please enroll in SASPD courses 1-8.

Educators may only take one of the Effective Strategies courses offered in the SAS PD Center. These include *Effective Strategies Supporting Language Arts Instruction, Effective Strategies Supporting Mathematics Instruction, Effective Strategies Supporting Science Instruction, and Effective Strategies Supporting Social Studies Instruction*.