

Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (PQAS)

Organizational E-Learning PQAS Application - Renewal

The PQAS E-Learning Renewal Application is for organizations intending to continue to provide their asynchronous professional development opportunities.

The renewal will be valid for a five-year term, at which time the organization will complete the renewal process again.

PQAS requirements, processes and privileges are subject to change as a result of policy changes.

***NOTE:** All practitioners in Pennsylvania must complete a 6-hour Health and Safety course specifically developed for Pennsylvania. Certification/Licensing staff in Pennsylvania are the only authorized trainers on specific regulatory information. Additional health and safety courses will be reviewed by the Pennsylvania Key to ensure regulatory topics or content are not referenced. Any health and safety courses approved in the PD Registry must have a disclaimer at the beginning of the course overview.

The disclaimer **must** include:

This course does not fulfill the required Pennsylvania 6-hour Pre-Service Health and Safety Training course.

Complete Prior To Submission:

Required Courses: The self-paced courses below are required for the person who submits the application AND the person who enters the courses/events. While reviewing your application, the PQAS team verifies this information in the Event Entry section.

- **The Pennsylvania Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators Course** reviews an example of an approved E-Learning course and codes using the Professional Standards and Competencies for courses.
- **The Submitting PQAS Courses in the PD Registry Course** provides directions on how to properly submit a course within the PD Registry.

To register:

1. Click **Search Training Events** (left-hand menu).
2. Enter the appropriate **Course Title**.
3. Click **Search**.
4. Click **Register** and follow the prompts.

To access/complete the course:

1. Click on **View All My Training** to get to the course.
2. Click on the blue box to the right of the course title to begin the course. If one does not appear click the course title to be taken to the course details where a link to the course will be provided.

Required Updates:

- Review current courses approved in the Registry to ensure course content and course listings are accurate and up to date.
 - If content changes are made but does not impact the course information inputted in the PD Registry (Title, Description, Hours, Course Level, Professional Standard Areas and Objectives, Audience, etc.) the course can remain.
 - If changes to the course content affect the previously mentioned fields, complete the Course Removal section so the course(s) can be removed from the Registry. The changed fields will affect learners that previously completed or are in process of completing the course.
 - Any updates to a course listing need to be done by creating a new course to the PD Registry.
- Review your Organization Profile on the Professional Development Registry and update any outdated information. This will include:
 - Contact Information
 - Communication Preferences
 - Physical and Mailing Addresses
 - Registered Employees

Application Fee: Along with the application and required documents, a fee of \$500 is required. This fee is for the review and processing of the application, including the submitted course, and use of the PD Registry for a five-year time period. Once renewed, you can enter unlimited courses/events within the PD Registry. Please search the course title **PQAS Renewal Application Fee for Organizational E-Learning Review** to submit payment via event registration and *submit the emailed receipt with the application.*

Course Review: A new eLearning module must be submitted for review. If a new module is not available, you may submit a pre-existing module currently in the Registry, but it cannot be one that was submitted with any prior applications or renewals. The module must meet the minimum scoring requirements for approval.

Please allow up to 60 days for the review of your renewal application. Once processed, you will receive an email with your next steps.

Application and renewal fee receipt should be submitted to pqas@pakeys.org. Indicate in the subject line: Renewal Application and name of organization.

Organization Information

Date of Application:	
eLearning Organization Name:	
eLearning Org ID#:	
Contact Information:	Name: Registry ID#: Phone Number: Email:
Name of person responsible entering courses and events:	Same as above Name: Registry ID#: Phone Number: Email:
Act 48 Learn more about Act 48 >	Our organization is approved through the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide Act 48 hours for applicable professional development. Yes No If yes, please provide: Organization's AUN #: Act 48 Approval Date: Act 48 Expiration Date:

Course Information

Please list any courses that need to be removed from the Registry. Include the Course ID # and title.	
Please explain how your current courses have been updated to reflect current research or practices? If no changes have been made, please explain why there are no changes.	

Course Access Information

Courses are reviewed by three independent reviewers, and each require access to the course content. Please provide the URL to access the course and either a voucher code or login information for each of the email addresses below.

Course Location Webpage:

<u>Access Email</u>	<u>Access Password</u>
1. pqas@pakeys.org	
2. pqasreviewer1@gmail.com	

Outline of Course

Provide the course information below for the course you are submitting for review. Additional courses/events can be entered in the PD Registry after your application is approved.

Resources are available at pakeys.org/pdregistry/instructor-resources.

Pennsylvania's PD Registry is not a forum for advertising. The Pennsylvania Key strongly encourages all presenters to refrain from marketing products during their sessions.

<u>Course Title</u>
Title of the course should provide detail regarding course content.

<u>Course Cost</u>
Include the cost of the course. (Include a range if this varies)

<u>Language</u>
Select the language in which the courses are presented.
 English Spanish Other:

<u>Course Instruction Time:</u>
Enter the hours of the course (Choose only one)
 Hours:

Level of Training

Select the course level that best aligns with the course.
Choose one.

C1: Knowledge Acquisition: At this level course participants understand the content and can describe how it relates to daily practice. Courses should align to learning objectives/competencies indicated at the C1 level below.

C2: Knowledge Application: At this level course participants are expected to not only understand content but also apply newly learned competencies within the allotted course time and implement within their daily practice once the course is completed. Courses should align to learning objectives/competencies indicated at the C2 level below.

C3: Critically Examine/Evaluate: At this level course participants are expected to reflect upon daily practice to assess what is working, to analyze what may need to be adapted for better outcomes, and to explore the reasons impacting the outcomes. Participants at this level become competent in evaluating policy and practice to make positive change (or continuous quality improvement (CQI)) within their settings. Courses should align to learning objectives/competencies indicated at the C3 level below.

Course Description

Add a descriptive overview of the course as a preview in the course catalog. (75-100 words) The course description focuses on content, is clear, easy-to-read, and presents information in a detailed organized way.

<u>Course Category</u> Select only one group that best represents the information presented in your course.	<u>Target Audience</u> Select the Target Audience. (Choose all that apply.)	<u>Ages Addressed</u> Select the Ages Addressed. (Choose as many as apply.)
Infant Toddler Preschool-PreK School-Age Business	Administrators Directors Center Staff Family/Group Head Start/Early Head Start Early Intervention Parent Educators Home Visitors Early Child Mental Health Pre-K Counts Coaches Trainers	Infants Toddlers Preschool Pre-Kindergarten Kindergarten School-Age Adult

<u>Professional Standard Area</u>
Enter the number of hours for each Professional Standard Area that best represents the overall content area of the course. You may multi-select. The number of hours that you enter must equal the Course Hours indicated above PSA 1: Child Development and Learning in Context PSA 2: Family–Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections PSA 3: Child Observation, Documentation, and Assessment PSA 4: Developmentally, Culturally, and Linguistically Appropriate Teaching Practices PSA 5: Knowledge, Application, and Integration of Academic Content in the Early Childhood Curriculum PSA 6: Professionalism as an Early Childhood Educator PSA 7: Health and Safety K8: Program Organization and Administration

Professional Standard Area Learning Objectives

Using the selected Professional Standard Area(s) above, copy and paste the corresponding learning objective(s) from the [Course Level and Learning Objectives/ Competency Alignment](#) document. The objectives chosen for a course must align with the chosen course level. One to two learning objectives must be entered per hour of course instruction. If multiple objectives are chosen with different aligned course levels, choose the highest course level aligned.

Example: {PSAs 1 and 4 and course level C1 were selected for this 2-hour module.}

- ✓ *PSA 1a – Describe how social interaction, relationships and play are central to children’s development and learning (C 1)*
- ✓ *PSA 1c - Know that quality early childhood education influences children’s lives (C 1)*
- ✓ *PSA 4a-Establish positive and supportive relationships and interactions with young children (C 1)*

CDA Content Area

Enter the number of hours for each CDA Content Area that best represents the overall content area of the course. You may multi-select. The number of hours that you enter must equal the classroom hours.

Principles of Child Growth & Development

Physical & Intellectual Development

Social & Emotional Development

Maintaining Professionalism

Productive Relationships with Families

Safe, Healthy Learning Environment

Observing & Recording Behavior

Effective Program Operation

Prerequisites

List and prerequisites or advanced preparation required for participants of this training. Only required if there are prerequisites for the course.

Awareness of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging

Briefly explain how this module demonstrates awareness of diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or belonging. Evidence can include diverse materials, inclusive language, open-ended questions, participant perspectives, or practices like safe spaces and trigger warnings. Specific DEIB activities are not required but may be included. (Optional--strongly encouraged.)

Resources and Supports for Learners

List the resources provided to the learners that support the topic. This may include web links, articles, books, etc.

Handouts

List and attach any handouts for participants. Handouts must be labeled with handout # and title. You will need to include copies of handouts, PowerPoint, and all printed materials with reference and copyright information when uploading your Course Overview. Please ensure that the uploaded handout title matches what it uploaded to the PD Registry.

References

List the references that reflect current knowledge and support evidence-based practice, including diversity and inclusion. Provide titles, authors, and sources. References should be current, within a 10-year period.

Process Used to Test Knowledge:

Describe what process is used to test what knowledge was learned during this course.

If it is an assessment, what type of assessment is it and what is a passing score?

Include a copy of the assessments including pre/posttests and corresponding answers.

Self-Review of Course

Please complete the below self-review for the course you are submitting for approval. To pass, the course must score a minimum of 23/30. Review the [eLearning Scoring Rubric](#) on the PA Key website to ensure your Course Outline meets the criteria.

Content	Score: 0= Non-Existent 1=Partially Meets 2=Meets
All the course content matches the stated learning objective(s) and aligns with the identified Pennsylvania Professional Standard areas. All content is appropriate for the target audience.	
The amount of content covered matches the number of PQAS hours for the course.	
All course assessments are effective in measuring the course content.	
All of information covered aligns with the content and the competency level of the target audience.	
Content Total:	

Delivery	Score: 0= Non-Existent 1=Partially Meets 2=Meets
Course includes full gating, so learners view all content in linear order.	
All instructional media (video, photo, audio, props, animation, branching) promote the course content.	
At least 3 types of assessments are evident. (I.e. True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank)	
At least 3 instructional strategies (didactic presentation, case studies, scenarios, examples, simulations, games, guided observations) are used and relevant to the course content.	
The course provides constructive, specific feedback in real time for the learner.	
Delivery Total:	

Quality Assurance	Score: 0= Non-Existent 1=Partially Meets 2=Meets
Navigation throughout the course is logically sequenced, consistent, efficient, and predictable; A tutorial is available.	
All of the course content is professional, appropriate, and free from bias and distracting advertisements.	
There are no errors in grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling.	
Accommodations to learners with disabilities are evident and alternative delivery methods are available.	
All the references and/or resources are professional, relevant, and current. All links are working properly.	
Appearance is appealing and easy to read and/or hear.	
Quality Assurance Total:	

TOTAL SCORE:	
<i>To pass, the course must score a minimum of 23/30.</i>	

Representative Agreement

Check all and provide a signature at the bottom of the page.

The Organization Representative:

Completed the self-paced courses.

Reviewed the [Professional Development \(PD\) Registry Policies and Procedures](#)

Certifies that all current courses approved in the Registry have been reviewed and are up to date.

Verified current information within Organization Profile on the Professional Development Registry.

Submitted the receipt of payment for the renewal application fee.

Attached required documentation for the course.

The Organization Representative* agrees to:

Verify course creator has at least a bachelor's degree or certification in a specialty discipline in a field related to the professional development topic.

Have their module reviewed by The Pennsylvania Key. If there are two unsuccessful reviews, I am aware that the organization will be charged an additional \$500 to submit either a revised or new module for review.

Post courses that are open to Early Childhood Educators and School-Age Professionals within the Pennsylvania Professional Development (PD) Registry.

Code courses using [Pennsylvania Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators](#).

Schedule events and maintain attendance records for each event within the Pennsylvania Professional Development (PD) Registry. Update the status of all registered attendees in the event roster within two weeks of the event's end date and mark the event completed.

Follow recognized early childhood code of ethics, including delivering professional development in a culturally and individually sensitive manner using adult learning principles and current, developmentally appropriate best practices in the early childhood education and school-age fields.

Abide by the Professional Development (PD) Registry Policies and Procedures to ensure a consistent, high-quality experience for all users when developing, deploying, and reporting on learning content in the PD Registry.

***NOTE:** Failure to follow the expectations will result in termination of the E-Learning Organizational PQAS.

I have read the above requirements and agree to comply with them. I understand that the \$500 application fee is nonrefundable.

Signature of Person Responsible for Organization

Date