

Does an event qualify for Act 48 Hours?

To qualify for Act 48 hours, an event must meet the following requirements:

1. It must **continue the professional education** of the participant.
2. It must **enhance student achievement**.
3. It must **relate to at least one of the following goals** from the Act 48 plan that PDE approved for the Diocese of Erie:
 - To develop a wider variety of authentic student assessments
 - To use the data derived from student assessments in planning instruction
 - To improve and implement educators' basic technology skills
 - To implement brain-based learning research in planning instruction
 - To meet the varying needs of students in the regular classroom
 - To learn and implement research-based best practices in specific areas of assignment and certification
 - CPR Training
4. It must qualify as **one of the following subject areas** approved by PDE for Act 48 Hours:
 - Teaching and learning professional development
 - Standards area curriculum and assessment
 - Academic content studies
 - Technology
 - Student social and health issues

Continuing professional education hours must:

- relate to the attainment of the standards and quality instruction;
- address the needs of the schools and their professional employees;
- contain clear and concise written content-based and skills-based competencies;
- include content and instructional methods that are appropriate for the intended competencies to be mastered;
- be planned and conducted by personnel who have an academic degree or other education and experience appropriate to the subject matter being taught;
- be research-based, data-driven, and contribute to measurable increase in student achievement;
- provide sufficient support and resources to enable individuals to master new skills;
- contribute to building learning communities and continuous improvement;
- require that participants demonstrate attainment of the competencies;
- be evaluated by the participants.