



## PBS TeacherLine: An Overview

- PBS TeacherLine ([www.pbs.org/teacherline](http://www.pbs.org/teacherline)) is the premier provider of high-quality online professional development courses and services for K-12 teachers, mentors and instructional coaches with the goals of improving teacher quality and increasing student achievement.
- PBS TeacherLine offers more than 130 online, facilitated courses in reading/language arts, mathematics, science, technology integration, and instructional strategies. Participating teachers engage in six-week courses that require between three to five hours of online time to complete each week. The courses are content-rich and include high-quality video (including some content from PBS' national programming), leading articles, interactive lessons, and online facilitated discussions with peers that help translate learning into practice. The courses are facilitated by teachers who have master's degrees and who are trained by PBS in online course delivery and community building techniques.
- Funded through a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, PBS TeacherLine has collaborated with the nation's leading educational organizations such as the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), McREL, the Concord Consortium, and other experts to develop rigorous, research-based online courses that provide a sustained, intensive course experience for the learner.
- Through a partnership with ISTE, PBS TeacherLine has developed the ISTE Capstone Certificate Program, which consists of one introductory course and two 15-week courses (45 hours each). The program allows teachers to demonstrate their mastery of ISTE's National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers (NETS•T).
- PBS TeacherLine learners may earn continuing education units (CEUs) or professional development points (PDPs) through the courses. Learners also may build graduate credit toward a master's degree or other graduate program. In some states, courses may also be used to help teachers become "highly qualified," as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and by state mandate.
- PBS TeacherLine is delivered nationally by PBS and through distribution relationships with PBS member stations. To date, more than 29,000 educators have completed PBS TeacherLine courses.
- PBS TeacherLine Peer Connection is an expansive online suite of media-rich resources, instructional strategies, and tools that supports educators with coaching and mentoring responsibilities. Professional development modules help coaches and mentors to understand the interventions they are sharing and how to productively employ the coaching process.

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