

Greetings,

We are excited to announce a new way to increase your salary while engaging in professional learning that directly applies to the needs of your students. Beginning September 1, 2019, you are required to take a minimum of six A+ Course Credits to obtain your “second salary differential” (30 credits beyond your master’s degree.)

What’s A+ Course Credit?

Developed in partnership between the NYC Department of Education (NYC DOE) and the United Federation of Teachers (UFT), A+ Course Credit (A+) is a new designation of continuing learning courses that have been approved as aligning to instructional priorities. A+ learning opportunities will be available from a range of providers and for the 2019-2020 school year will include all “P-credit” courses offered through the After School Professional Development Program (ASPDP).

In addition, if you have or obtain an additional NY State teaching certificate in any of the following areas, then the required courses you take to achieve that certificate qualify for A+ credit, regardless of when they were completed:

- Bilingual Extension
- Additional Certificate to achieve dual certification as a teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) a teacher of a secondary content area: sciences, mathematics, English, and Social Studies
- Additional certificate to achieve dual certification as a Students with Disabilities (SWD) and secondary content teacher

What this Means for You

You have been identified as a teacher who has been hired (or rehired) on or after September 2017 which means you must complete at least six A+ approved credits to achieve your second salary differential unless the following exceptions apply.

If you already have your second differential there is no change to your salary or A+ requirements. Further, if you complete all 30 credits prior to September 1, 2019 to qualify for the second differential and submit your salary differential application by February 28, 2020 then the A+ requirement does not apply to you.

For More Information

For more information, please visit the HR Connect Employee Web Portal (doehrconnect.custhelp.com). After logging in with your Windows/Outlook User ID and Password, you can search for “MA+30 Differential and A+ Courses,” or paste the following URL into your browser: https://doehrconnect.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/9897/.

A+ credits will be available for registration through [the ASPDP website](#). Please [sign up here](#) to receive the ASPDP Newsletter; more information will be available in late August.

If you would like to learn more about salary, steps and differentials as a NYC DOE teacher, visit: <http://www.uft.org/our-rights/salary>.

If you have any questions, email Aplus@schools.nyc.gov.

Best,

The A+ Courses Team