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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1610, s. 2024

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Department of Education, in partnership with the Philippine Normal University calls for applications for the scholarship program titled *Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education* (ECE).
2. The scholarship program has the following specific objectives:
 - a. Produce a pool of formally issued ECE teachers who are not graduates of Early Childhood Care and Development baccalaureate degree/major;
 - b. Ensure effective delivery and facilitation of ECE from Kindergarten to Grade 3 (K-3); and
 - c. Provide career advancement opportunities for the K-3 teachers which they can use as a pathway for Master's Degree of further studies.
3. Pertinent program details are as follows:

Program Title	Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education
Partner University	Philippine Normal University (PNU)
Target Scholars	K-3 Teachers who are not graduates / specialists of Early Childhood Education
No. of Slots per Region	Two-Three (2-3)
Program Delivery Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follows the micro-credentialing route that PNU offers through the College of Alternative and Lifelong Learning (CALL) (<i>in micro-credentialing, students are required to complete the activities in a course training module to earn the course units</i>) • Based on the Engage, Practice, Consolidate – Target, Raise, Act, Improve, Nurture (EPC-TRAIN) Training Framework • Scholars are monitored, observed, and mentored by their immediate superiors/supervisors in the application of their learnings in the workplace.
Duration	Six-Seven (6-7) months



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Modality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through ePNU, a Moodle-based learning platform • For synchronous sessions, faculty and students may utilize Google Meet/Zoom or any platform where online classes may be conducted
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With at least 2 years of teaching experience in DepEd • Must be 50 years of age and below • Currently not enrolled in other schools/institutes/colleges/universities • Must be computer literate and has access to a stable internet connection (at least 15 <i>mbps</i>) to participate in online classes • Must have completed all previous scholarships and no pending nomination for any scholarship • Must have no pending administrative and / or criminal case • Must be physically and mentally fit
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Intent (LOI) (See template through the link https://tinyurl.com/5n85ut27) • Accomplished Online Application Form via https://forms.office.com/r/DSfSrGR4gs
Additional Reminders and Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance and entry to the program are subject to the existing rules and regulations prescribed by PNU • Prospective scholars must pass the Graduate College Admission Test (GCAT) and submit all entry requirements before enrollment in the program • Successful applicants should submit the required entry credentials to ensure seamless processing of documents upon submission • Original Transcript of Records (TOR) with remarks "<i>Copy for PNU</i>" from the last school the scholar attended • Original Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-issued Marriage Certificate for married female scholars if TOR bears their maiden name • Two (2) copies of 2x2 latest ID picture • Certificate of GWA/GPA (<i>Certified True Copy only for PNU alumna/alumnus</i>) • Omnibus Sworn Statement (See template through the link https://tinyurl.com/5n85ut27) • Scholarship Contract (See template through the link https://tinyurl.com/5n85ut27)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace Application (WAP) Proposal (See template through the link https://tinyurl.com/5n85u127); can be accomplished in the duration of the program
Deadline of Application	December 6, 2024

- Documentary requirements specified in the checklist shall be checked by the School Head and consolidated by the HRTD-SEPS.
- Please note that the applications may be disqualified due to various reasons, such as but not limited to, incomplete requirements, lack of official endorsement/s, direct sending of requirements to the Secretariat's email, discrepancies in documents, etc.
- The National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) further reiterates that the established qualifications and selection parameters for its scholarship programs are in adherence to the Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP).
- Should you have questions or concerns, please coordinate with NEAP Scholarship Secretariat through email scholarships@deped.gov.ph and/or landline (02) 8715-9919.
- For dissemination and appropriate action.



For the Regional Director:

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 Encl.: None
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
 Under the following subjects:



PROGRAMS
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 November 28, 2024

December 2, 2024

TO: Public Elementary School Heads

For information and guidance. Attention is invited to paragraph 3 of the Regional Memorandum No. 1619, s. 2024.

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