5.4.g – Description of opportunities for professional development

Professional Development opportunities across the EPP
The EPP at ECU is committed to supporting faculty professional development at many levels and in many areas. The local level consists of a few departments within the College of Education (COE). The Office of Professional Development and Student Outreach (OPD), the Office of Assessment and Accreditation/Instructional Technology (OAA/IT), Office of Clinical Experiences (OCE), and the Irene Howell Assistive Technology Center (IHAT) all offer workshops and training sessions to enhance the skills of the faculty within the COE.

- **The Office of Professional Development and Student Outreach (OPD)** offers professional development to faculty, students and teachers who are in the schools. The Rural Education Institute which is under the umbrella of the OPD strives “To serve as the College of Education (COE)’s central dissemination point for continuing education opportunities for pre-service and in-service teachers and administrators at the local, state, regional, national, and international level.” OPD also offers workshops which focus on diversity and the Praxis.

- **The Office of Assessment and Accreditation (OAA)**’s training and workshops are geared toward furthering the goals and projects of the COE. OAA oversees the implementation and training for edTPA. It also oversees the TaskStream portfolio system and the training that aligns with the system. OAA offers workshops to further Distance Education (DE) requirements implemented by the COE. The IT aspect of the OAA offers support and training for equipment loaned or supplied by the COE.

- **The Office of Clinical Experiences (OCE)** focuses on providing support and training to clinical teachers and university supervisors. This is done through workshops and conferences.

- **The Irene Howell Assistive Technology Center (IHAT)** offers professional development and services based around assistive technology topics and issues.

- **The Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (C-STEM) Education** offers both professional development and digital resources for both faculty and teachers.

Professional Development opportunities across the ECU Campus
The four largest campus organizations for professional development at ECU are the Office of Faculty Excellence (OFE), Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS), the ECU Human Resources department, and Joyner library, which are each the subsequent notch on the scale of professional development.
• **The Office of Faculty Excellence (OFE)** offers a broad collection of professional development ranging from statistical research, teaching with technology, and how to teach online. OFE is the primary provider of all professional development at ECU.

• **Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS)** role in professional development focuses on software and equipment training. ITCS provides workshops on how to use technology in the classroom, as well as specific software used by faculty. It also oversees Cornerstone, the online platform where faculty may register for training.

• **The ECU Human Resources department** offers training and professional development opportunities for faculty to update their skills and personal wellness.

• **Joyner Library** offers a variety of workshops which cover training on their systems and interlibrary loan programs, in addition to a variety of event speakers, which offer a multicultural view for the faculty, staff and students at ECU. The **Teaching Resources Center (TRC)** at Joyner Library is another great professional development reserve.

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*Professional Development opportunities outside of ECU*

Outside the boundaries of ECU, the State of North Carolina hosts a wide array of conferences and events that teachers, and faculty may attend, which is offered through [The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)](https://www.ncdpi.wikispaces.com/) and [The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) IHE Wiki](https://ncdpi.wikispaces.com/), which connects the NCDPI with all EPP’s in NC.

EPP faculty have been encouraged and supported to pursue additional professional development at the following organizations:

- American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
- edTPA Implementation Conferences
- American Educational Research Association
- NC Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
- Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation
- And other professional organizations