

# Personal Development Credit

## Grade 10 4-H Nova Scotia Credit

### ***What is a Personal Development Credit?***

A personal development credit is awarded when a student achieves all the requirements in an area of training or learning. The Personal Development Credit provides another way to encourage students to gain valuable life skills and experiences beyond the classroom, strengthening their connections with their communities.

### ***How does the credit work?***

Students who successfully complete a course or program approved by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will earn a full or half-credit to be included on their high school transcript.

### ***Which programs are eligible?***

In 2016–2017 and thereafter, students can earn the credit for successfully completing approved programs from the list of [approved course providers](#).

### ***Can students earn more than one credit for participating in different programs?***

Students can earn only one elective credit towards the 18 credits minimum required for graduation. It can be a grade 10, 11, or 12 credit, depending on the designation that the department determines. However, they can have more than one credit appear on their transcript beyond the 18 required.

### ***Can a student get credit for taking part in an approved program before they reach high school?***

Students who have earned the credentials required for a Personal Development Credit while attending junior high school area able to apply to have the credit recognized as a grade 10, 11, or 12 elective credit once they enter high school.

*Want to learn more about Personal Development Credits? Visit: <https://pdc.ednet.ns.ca/>*

## **Grade 10 4-H Nova Scotia Personal Development Credit and Program Planning for High School Students:**

High school students who have earned a Grade 10 4-H Nova Scotia Personal Development Credit by successfully completing the requirements approve by 4-H Nova Scotia, can have their credit recognized in two ways:

1. A Grade 10 Personal Development Credit can be applied to meeting the requirements of the five elective credits that all students require for graduation.
2. A Grade 10 Personal Development Credit may also appear as an additional credit on a student's high school transcript, further to the thirteen compulsory and five elective credits required for graduation.



## How to Pursue the Grade 10 4-H Nova Scotia Credit

Students apply to have the Grade 10 4-H Nova Scotia credit recorded on their high school transcript **after** they have completed all of the requirements and received their 4-H Certificate of Achievement at their club's Achievement Day. To have your credit recognized on your high school transcript as a personal development credit, follow these steps:

1. 4-H members must register for 'Grade 10 Credit' on their annual 4-H registration form.
2. Talk with your guidance counsellor about the process. Make sure to find out about the deadlines that have been set by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for submitting the [Student Notification Form](#), especially if you will be graduating this year. **It is your responsibility to make sure that all of the required documents have been provided to your school on or before the deadline.**
3. Once the requirements have been met and you have received your 'Leadership' sticker on your 4-H Certificate of Achievement, at your club's Achievement Day, Complete the Student Information section (Section A) of the [Student Notification Form](#).
4. Submit your 4-H Certificate of Achievement, verifying that you have successfully completed all requirements, along with the completed Student Notification Form to your school's Guidance Counsellor or appointed staff person.

## 'Leadership' Sticker Requirements

- To receive the required 'Leadership' sticker on their 4-H Certificate of Achievement, at their club's Achievement Day, members must complete all requirements for gold completion (judging, club contribution, communication) plus 110 documented hours of 4-H related work.

## 110 Hours of 4-H Related Work

- Members will accumulate hours through club/county committee and executive work, attending county council meetings, taking a junior leader project, participating in regional and provincial conferences, Council-In-Training (CIT)/Counsellor at Camp Rankin, etc.
- 4-H related hours should be shared across the following leadership activities: project related, club related, and county/provincial/national related.
- Members must document hours and activity summaries on the Grade 10 4-H Credit Records Summary Form.
- All activities must be approved by an official signature (General Leader, Project Leader, ALC, etc.) and club General Leaders must sign once then entire form is completed.
- Members must notify their school that they will be seeking credit for their 4-H work. This does not come from 4-H, it is the members' responsibility to do this.