Welcome!
University of California Santa Cruz
Master of Arts in Education/Teacher Credential Program

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UCSC Land Acknowledgement
Program Highlights

- 12-month intensive program: July – July
- Earn a Master of Arts in Education plus a California Teaching Credential
- Focus on Equity, Social Justice and the Education of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students
- Small Cohorts of Students
- Extensive, Supported K-12 Classroom Placement Experience
  - Teacher Supervisors
  - Cooperating Teachers

Credential Options

- Multiple Subjects (typically K-5)
- Single Subjects (typically 6-12)
  - English
  - Social Studies
  - Mathematics
    - Single Subject
    - Foundational Mathematics
  - Sciences
    - Biological Sciences
    - Geosciences
    - Physics
    - Chemistry
    - Foundational
- Bilingual Authorization
# Admissions Requirements

1. 3.0 GPA minimum
2. Transcripts
3. Cultural/Linguistic Diversity
4. Field Experience
5. Letters of Recommendation
6. Basic Skills Requirement
7. Subject Matter Competency
8. Certificate of Clearance
9. Statement of Purpose
10. Personal History
11. Academic Writing Sample
12. Resume

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## 1. Grade Point Average

- Cut and dry? Not necessarily
- **Do:**
  - If GPA is below 3.0, provide an explanation in Statement of Purpose (e.g., improved after a rough transition in freshman year, illness, change of major, major life event, improvement in more recent grades)
- **Don’t do:**
  - Omit an explanation for GPA below 3.0
2. Transcripts

- Do:
  - Provide a full set of transcripts (i.e. 4-year and transfer coursework)
  - Unofficial is ok at time of application

- Don’t do:
  - Omit transfer coursework transcripts
  - If you submit unofficial with application, don’t forget to provide 2 official copies to Grad Division and MA/C Program Credential Analyst

3. Cultural/Linguistic Diversity

- Do:
  - Try to get a Letter of Recommendation from someone who can speak to your work/ experience with cultural/linguistic diversity
  - If using coursework, bring attention to those in Statement of Purpose

- Don’t do:
  - Don’t assume we will discover what courses and experience you have elsewhere in the application
4. Field Experience

- Do:
  - List ALL applicable experience in appropriate section of the application
  - Ask us if you are not sure!
  - Recommend to provide Letter of Recommendation from someone who will attest to your experience
- Don’t do:
  - Don’t limit this to the required minimum 30 hours… consider all relevant course work and experience…

5. Letters of Recommendation

- Do:
  - Provide TWO academic letters
  - Provide ONE letter from someone who attests to your experience with age-relevant youth and diversity
  - Contact Credential Analyst if you have extenuating circumstances and cannot obtain academic references
- Don’t do:
  - Don’t submit letters from friends and relatives
  - Don’t submit character references
  - Don’t submit only one academic reference
6. Basic Skills Requirement

**Required prior to enrollment**

- CBEST exam with passing score
  
  **OR**
  
  - CSET Multiple Subjects Subtests I, II, III and CSET Writing Skills *(MS ONLY)*
    
  **OR**
  
  - CSU EAP or CSU Placement Exams (English Placement Test (EPT) and Entry Level Mathematics (ELM))
    
  **OR**
  
  - Qualifying Scores on SAT *(Prior to March 2016 - Math 550, English Critical Reading 500; After March 2016 – Math 570, English Critical Reading 560)*
    
  **OR**
  
  - Qualifying Scores on ACT (Math 23, English 22)
    
  **OR**
  
  - Qualifying Scores on *AP English* and either *AP Calculus* or *AP Statistics* (3 or higher)

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**JULY 9, 2021 AB 130 legislation now allows the Basic Skills Requirement to be met through college coursework**

- **College coursework**
  
  - Coursework in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics
  
  - Each course must have a grade of B- or higher and be 3 or more semester or 4 or more quarter credits
  
  - For MA/C Application: download form 41BSR on our website to upload to your application

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6. Basic Skills Requirement
- May mix and match coursework with CBEST subtests and Tests (e.g. SATs, APs)

7. Subject Matter Competency
- Required prior to enrollment
  - Undergrad degree with name the same as the credential sought (e.g. Biology, Mathematics)
    - OR
  - CSET: pass all subtests required for your credential area
    - OR
  - Complete an approved subject matter program
    - UCSC has an approved mathematics subject matter program
    - Applicants may provide verification of completion of an approved subject matter waiver program from other university campuses
      - OR
  - Coursework in Content Domains (see following slide and FAQ)
  - May Mix and Match CSET with Coursework in Required Domains (see FAQ document)

  Admission priority may be given to applicants with passing CSET/CBEST scores at the time of application.
7. Subject Matter Competency – BY DEGREE

JULY 9, 2021 AB 130 legislation now allows the Subject Matter Competency to be met through by a “matching” college degree or through college coursework

- Acceptable bachelor’s degrees for each cohort
  - Multiple Subjects
    - "Liberal Studies" (presently liberal science is not acceptable)
  - Mathematics
  - Applied Mathematics
  - Science
    - Biology, Biology; Human Biology, Biology: Marine Biology, etc.
    - Physics, Applied Physics
    - Chemistry, Applied Chemistry
    - Earth Science, Geoscience, Earth and Space Science
  - English
  - Social Science

7. SMR– BY COURSEWORK IN DOMAINS

JULY 9, 2021 AB 130 legislation now allows the Subject Matter Competency to be met through by a "matching" college degree or through college coursework

- For now, grade of C- or higher and no credit requirements

- Math Domains:
  - Number and Quantity (UCSC Math 110)
  - Algebra (UCSC Math 111B or 111T)
  - Geometry (UCSC Math 128A)
  - Probability and Statistics (UCSC Stats 5)
  - Calculus (UCSC Math 19A and 19B)
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English Domains:
- Reading Literature and Informational Texts
- Language, Linguistics and Literacy
- Composition and Rhetoric
- Communications: Speech, Media and Creative Performance

Social Science Domains
- World History
- US History
- California History
- Principles of American Democracy
- Principles of Economics
- Principles of Geography
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- Foundational Science Domains
  - Scientific Practices, Engineering Design and Applications, and Crosscutting Concepts
  - Physical Sciences
  - Life Sciences
  - Earth and Space Sciences

- Biology - Foundational domains plus
  - From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes
  - Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics
  - Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits
  - Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

- Chemistry - Foundational domains plus
  - Structure and Properties of Matter
  - Chemical Reactions and Chemical Bonding
  - Energy

- Earth and Space Science - Foundational domains plus
  - Earth’s Place in the Universe
  - Earth’s Systems
  - Earth and Human Activity
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Physics - Foundational domains plus:
- Motion and Stability
- Energy
- Waves and their Application
- Modern Physics

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Multiple subjects:
- An interdisciplinary degree, such as Child and Adolescent Development for Teachers, with coursework in each of these 9 areas:
  - Language studies
  - Literature
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - History/social studies
  - The arts
  - Physical education
  - Human development
8. Certificate of Clearance

- **Do:**
  - Submit EITHER a Certificate of Clearance
  - or COPY OF ONLINE PAYMENT RECEIPT for CERTIFICATE IF NOT YET ISSUED
  - Or *valid* 30-Day Sub permit
  - Use Form LS-41 when you get your Live Scan

- **Don’t do:**
  - Don’t apply for Certificate of Clearance without first completing the Live Scan using CTC Form LS-41
  - Don’t submit Live Scan used for Education 180 or other purposes as these DO NOT MEET the Certificate of Clearance requirement
  - Don’t put this off if there is anything that might show up on your background search

9. Statement of Purpose

- **Do:**
  - Focus on
    - Experience with children
    - Experience with cultural and linguistic diversity and how you will contribute
    - Describe in depth field work experience
    - Describe any motivations to serve in particular communities or populations of students – *what do you have to offer?*
    - Describe how your values align with program values and goals – how will you serve underrepresented students?

- **Don’t do:**
  - Focus on
    - How this program will benefit you
10. Personal History Statement

- Do:
  - Describe childhood/life personal and educational experiences, challenges and/or opportunities that influenced your academic journey and led you to seek a teaching career
- Don’t do:
  - Don’t repeat info in Statement of Purpose (limited redundancy may be appropriate)

11. Academic Writing Sample

- Do:
  - References are expected in any academic writing
  - Single Subject: Submit a paper written for one of your upper division major courses
  - Multiple Subject: Submit a paper written for either
    - Paper written for an Education course
    - Paper written for upper division course in your major
- Don’t do:
  - Don’t submit papers that are not written in an academic format without references
12. Resume

**Do:**
- First list field experience chronologically
- May include work experience as well
- List educational experience, awards, and accomplishments
- Use a professional font, spell check and use consistency in headings and formatting

**Don’t do:**
- No need for names and contact info of employers or wage/salary information

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Program Costs

- Tuition and Fees established by the University each year
  - Five quarters
  - Additional costs to earn a California Teaching Credential

- Need-based Financial Aid
  - Submit TWO Years FAFSA to Office of Financial Aid

- 2022-2023, $25,572
  - Tuition and Fees $19,765
  - Campus Health Insurance $5,775
  - Additional: Program Fees, Books, Transportation, Food and Housing
Estimated Additional Program Expenses

These are estimated costs and are subject to change

- CalTPA/edTPA - $300
- RICA - $171 (Multiple Subject Candidates only)
- TB Test - $30-$50
- CPR Course - ~$50-$120
- Technology Course - $410
- Credential application - $102.50

TOTAL: Approximately $625 - $1,015

Application: Additional Expenses

- Graduate Application Fee (waiver available)
  - Select Currently Receiving Financial Aid if applicable
  - Ask Financial Aid to issue you a letter explaining that you receive aid and that the cost of applying to grad school is not included in your budget
  - Upload this letter as a PDF in the Payment/Fee Waiver section
  - https://www.gradadmissions.ucsc.edu/application-fee
- Select Present Financial Situation if you are unable to pay the application fee and upload a PDF doc that shows your itemized monthly family budget, income, expenses, and state why you are unable to pay the fee.
- Additional Application Expenses
  - CBEST
  - CSET
  - Certificate of Clearance (application to CTC $52.50, plus cost of Live Scan)
  - UCSC application $135
Apply Online

Application Window
Opened October 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023
UCSC Graduate Division!

Application period ends January 31, 2023

Application Workshops

Monday November 21st
3:00pm to 4:00pm

Friday December 2nd
3:30pm to 4:30pm

LIFT – Wednesday January 4th
5:30pm to 6:30pm

Cal Grant 5th Year

Must begin Credential Program within 15 months of last receiving Cal Grant
Latinx Initiative for Future Teachers

- Undergraduates –
  - $400 toward required testing for application to grad school
  - Application and testing support (eventually)
- MAC Students-LIFT Scholars
  - $2000 scholarship
  - Additional mentor of color
  - Orientation
  - Speaker series

Golden State Teacher Grant Program

- Up to $20,000
- Must be enrolled in a teacher education program and must be in a high need area: multiple subjects, math, science, bilingual education
- Must commit to teach at a priority school for 4 years
  - https://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/notices/gs-teacher-list
Common Funding Sources

Teach Grant (or Loan)

- $4000
- Agree to teach in high need field at low-income school for 4 years within 8 years of completing credential
- If above is not met, the Grant becomes a loan that must be repaid
- Maintain GPA of 3.25

Common Funding Sources

Grad Plus (Loan)

- From Department of Education
- Amount is the cost of attendance determined by UCSC minus other financial assistance you receive
- Must qualify via a credit check
Fellowship and Grant Opportunities

- Department Fellowships awarded in Fall and Spring
- Teach Grant - *Eligible math, science and bilingual candidates*
- Regents Fellowships - *Eligible applicants*
- Noyce Fellowship - *Eligible Math/Science applicants*
- Several smaller opportunities throughout the year, competitive

Undocumented/Dreamers

- Do:
  - Provide information on your status in your application (Personal History Statement)
  - Provide information about how your status has affected and/or hindered you personally or academically
  - Look info funding: Cal Grant 5th year, Dream Loan ($4k/year up to $20k total), Golden State Teacher Grant
  - Visit EOP website for resources for Dreamers: [https://eop.ucsc.edu/undocumented_student_services/financial-aid/scholarships.html](https://eop.ucsc.edu/undocumented_student_services/financial-aid/scholarships.html)
- Don’t do:
  - Don’t refrain from applying! We want your application!
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Thank you!
Questions?