



Welcome!

University of California Santa Cruz

Master of Arts in Education/Teacher Credential Program

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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**



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 **one** official copy to Graduate Division



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 (from instructors)
- Provide ONE letter from someone who attests to your experience with age-relevant youth and diversity
- Contact Director or 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. State Requirement: Basic Skills

State Requirement I: California Basic Skills

- ▶ A completed BA/BS or MA/MS degree from an accredited university meets this state requirement

7. State Requirement: Subject Matter Competency

State Requirement II: Subject Matter Competency

- ▶ Required prior to enrollment
 - ▶ College Degree in the Credential Area
 - ▶ CSET: pass all subtests required for your credential area
- OR
- ▶ Complete an approved subject matter program
 - ▶ *Verification of completion of an state-approved subject matter program*
 - ▶ *UCSC has an approved mathematics subject matter program*
- OR
- ▶ Mix and Match CSET with Coursework in “*Required Domains*”





Questions about State Requirements?

► Contact Esperanza Zamora, zamora@ucsc.edu



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:
 - Include references: expected in any academic writing
 - Single Subject: Consider submitting a paper written for one of your upper-division major courses
 - Multiple Subject: Consider submitting 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

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

- ▶ 2023-2024, \$26,198
 - ▶ Tuition and Fees \$20,466
 - ▶ Campus Health Insurance \$5,732
 - ▶ Additional: Program Fees, Books, Transportation, Food, and Housing



Estimated Additional Program Expenses

These are estimated costs and are subject to change

- ▶ edTPA - \$300
- ▶ 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
 - ▶ Certificate of Clearance (application to CTC \$52.50, plus cost of Live Scan)
 - ▶ UCSC application \$135
 - ▶ CSET (if needed for Subject Matter state requirement), depends on the number and content of subtests, range is \$72 - \$99 per subtest for 1 to 4 subtests

Cal
Grant
5th Year

*Must begin
Credential
Program
within 15
months of
last
receiving
Cal Grant*

UCSC Education Department
MA/Credential Program



Do you receive Cal Grant A or B?

**Did you know Cal Grant provides a 5th year,
Cal Grant A \$14,016 and Cal Grant B \$15,664, but ONLY if you
enroll in a teaching credential program within 15 months
following the end of the term you last received a Cal Grant?**

Do you want a career where you can make a difference in others' lives?

**Apply to the UCSC MA/Credential 12-month program
and become a teacher!**

Currently accepting applications through February 3, 2025

Questions: soleste@ucsc.edu

Latinx Initiative for Future Teachers

- ▶ MAC Students-LIFT Scholars
 - ▶ \$2000 scholarship
 - ▶ Additional mentor of color
 - ▶ Orientation
 - ▶ Speaker Series





Golden State Teacher Grant Program

- ▶ Current on hold
- ▶ Formerly
 - ▶ 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*
- ▶ Teacher Residency Grants – *3, PVUSD, Single Subject 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 into 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

► Don't do:

- Don't refrain from applying! We want your application!



Visit “Admissions Requirements”
on our Website!

Thank you!
Questions?

Apply Online

Application Window
Opened October 1 through January 30
UCSC Graduate Division!

Application period ends January 30



**Registration for
Application Workshops**

Additional Application Workshops

Tuesday, December 17th

4:30pm to 5:30pm

Thursday, January 8th

5:30pm to 6:30pm