

# FROM THE CREDENTIAL OFFICE

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This quarterly newsletter from the Education Department Credential Office provides announcements and updates related to the SDA Basic & CA 2042 Preliminary credential programs. If you have any questions regarding credential program requirements, please contact Marsha Crow, Credential Analyst, at 965-6643 or [mcrow@puc.edu](mailto:mcrow@puc.edu).

## DEPARTMENT CALENDAR, SPRING 2009

- 3/30 Spring classes begin
- 3/30 Full-time student teaching begins
- 4/6 Last day to add or delete classes
- 4/19 CBEST & RICA (Santa Rosa test site)
- 4/15 Pre-Session Orientation
- 4/30 Student Teaching Orientation
- 5/17 CSET (Santa Rosa test site)
- 5/21 Department Chapel-New Teacher Appreciation!
- 5/26 Last day to withdraw classes
- 6/13 Teacher Dedication
- 6/14 CBEST & RICA (Santa Rosa test site)



## INITIAL CREDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS,

### Autumn 2008/Winter 2009

Elementary: Terra Gore

Secondary: Brittany Eudy, Debbie Parrish, Audrey Miller, Candi Douglass, Laurie Sanford

### STUDENT TEACHERS, Winter/Spring 2009

☼ Elementary: Allison Atkin (W09), Leah Conde (W09), Caleb Rasmussen (W09), Launa Rasmussen (W09), Kelsi Cadiente (S09)

☼ Secondary: Chris Kinney (W09), Launa Rasmussen (S09)

## DEPARTMENT CHAPEL



Watch for announcements about a special Department Chapel on Thursday, May 21! We plan on honoring you as future teachers and we want you to be there!

## TEACHER DEDICATION

Teacher Dedication is scheduled for the Sabbath afternoon of Graduation weekend. Watch for further announcements!



## SUMMER 2009 EDUCATION COURSES AVAILABLE TO INITIAL CREDENTIAL CANDIDATES

- ☼ EDUC 350-Exceptional Children in the Classroom  
June 15-25, M-Th, 8:30-12:00
- ☼ EDUC 238/L-Computers in the Classroom  
July 20-30, M-Th, 8:30-12, 1-3:30
- ☼ RELT 360-Adventist Heritage  
June 15-26, M-F, 8-12
- ☼ RELT 333-SDA Theology (Doctrinal Studies requirement)

June 15-26, M-F, 8-1

## CAL TPA

The new California Teacher Performance Assessment requirement went into effect at all California credential programs on July 1, 2008. All candidates admitted to the credential program after 7/1/08 MUST pass the CalTPA in order to be recommended for California multiple and single subject teaching credentials. For more information on the CalTPA, talk with the TPA Coordinator (Julie Jensen) or your faculty advisor, or pick up one of the TPA information flyers found in the brochure rack near the front door.

## CAL TPA SUCCESS!

A TPA task is written each quarter in conjunction with the methods courses; the final TPA is written during student teaching. Our first cohort of students have now written two TPAs - one in Autumn and one in Winter. We had a 100% pass rate both quarters! Congratulations, students! Great work!



## PRE-SESSION STUDENT TEACHING ORIENTATION FOR SUMMER 2009 EXPERIENCE

All candidates scheduled to complete Pre-Session Student Teaching in August 2009 are required to attend the Orientation session on **Wednesday, April 15, from 5-7 p.m. in ED 212**. This one-time orientation is **MANDATORY** - failure to attend will mean cancellation of your pre-session placement for 2009. Please make arrangements NOW if you need to miss a class or work appointment during this time. Contact Debra Murphy (7265), Director of Field Services, with any questions.



## FULL-TIME STUDENT TEACHING ORIENTATION & HARASSMENT TRAINING FOR 2009-2010 EXPERIENCE

All candidates planning to student teach during any quarter of the 2008-2009 school year are required to attend the Orientation session and Harassment Training session scheduled for **Thursday, April 30, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in ED 212**. The orientation will provide you with the

Student Teaching Handbook, an in-depth overview of the requirements of student teaching, and harassment training as required by school districts before they will allow you to enter the classroom. This one-time orientation session is **MANDATORY** - failure to attend will mean cancellation of your student teaching placement for the 2009-2010 school year. Due to the complicated nature of the orientation and harassment training, this session will not be repeated on an individual basis. Please make arrangements NOW if you need to miss a class or work appointment on this evening.

### **DEADLINE FOR PASSING CSET**

The deadline for passing your CSET examination is one full quarter prior to the quarter you are scheduled for student teaching. **If you are planning on student teaching in Autumn 2009 you MUST pass CSET by the end of Spring 2009.** Failure to meet the deadline will result in postponement of your student teaching placement to a later quarter. Bring your passing score report to the Credential Office as soon as you receive it.



### **CHANGE IN TEST SITE FOR CBEST, CSET, & RICA**

Currently PUC is not a non-Saturday test site for the CBEST, CSET, and RICA exams. National Evaluations Systems (NES), who administers these exams, has changed the non-Saturday test site to Santa Rosa because they feel it is more convenient to more people. We are currently working to reverse this decision, but for now we are not a test site. This means that when you choose a non-Saturday test you will be assigned to the Santa Rosa site. We apologize for this inconvenience.

### **CPR REQUIREMENT**

You must hold a valid adult/child/infant CPR card to be eligible for credential recommendation. You are responsible for meeting this requirement on your own and submitting the verification card to the Credential Office. The card must be current at the time of credential recommendation. Check the brochure rack in the lobby for an orange flyer listing ways to meet the requirement.



### **EXIT INTERVIEW WITH CREDENTIAL OFFICE**

If you will be completing your credential program during spring quarter, be sure to contact the Credential Office for an Exit Interview before the end of the quarter. You must have completed this interview before you will be recommended for your credentials.



### **CREDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION PROCEDURE**

Official recommendations for the CA credential and SDA teaching certificate are made by the Credential Office once a candidate has completed ALL requirements for certification, and when all required paperwork such as applications, test scores, CPR results, and transcripts are on file. Credential application



instructions and materials are sent to each candidate during their last quarter in the credential program, and are returned by the candidate to the Credential Office at the time of the Exit Interview.

### **CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

Congratulations to these Education students who will earn that coveted degree on June 14, 2009!

**A.S. ECE:** Kayloni Hagelgantz,

**B.S. ECE:** Bethany Bilbrey, Mia Swenson

**B.S. Liberal Studies:** Allison Atkin, Kelsi Cadiente, Leah Conde, Katrina Miller, Ivy Sunico, Danika Thomas

**B.S./B.A. in Content Major:** Jonathan Aguilar (PE), Christopher Kinney (Social Studies), Caitlin McNabb (Social Studies), Megan Milholland (English Ed), Launa Rasmussen (Religion), Andrea Rivas (English Ed)

**Master of Education:** Terra Gore, Darcel Lee-Valdez

