

CREDENTIAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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*Pacific Union College
Education Department*

PUC Degrees and Certification Programs

A.S. and B.S. in Early Childhood
Education

B.S. Liberal Studies

Seventh-day Adventist BASIC
certification programs for
secondary and elementary

California PRELIMINARY
certification programs for
multiple and single subjects

Seventh-day Adventist
PROFESSIONAL certification
program

Master of Arts in Teaching
Degree leading to elementary
or secondary certification

Master of Education Degree
for practicing teachers.



Meet our new Credential Analyst, Jennie Furness

The Credential Office is where Education students meet with the Credential Analyst on their journey to becoming a teacher. Our new Credential Analyst, Jennie Furness, will guide students through their years at PUC and assist them with obtaining a teaching credential when they graduate. Whether you are interested in a Seventh-day Adventist teaching credential, a California state credential, or both, the Credential Analyst is here to help you. There are many steps along the way so be sure to check in regularly. If you are planning to become a teacher, see Mrs. Furness to apply for the Adventist Mission Scholarship (all students are eligible and there is no requirement of service).



Jennie Furness and her family moved to PUC last January when her husband, Nate Furness, was hired to be the Lead Pastor of the PUC Church. Pastor Nate and Jennie have two sons, Alexander and Andersen. Jennie was a Teaching Principal before having children and she has years of teaching experience in Adventist schools. Jennie is passionate about education and helping students. "I am excited to be at PUC and to help others on their journey to becoming teachers. If you have any questions, please feel free to drop by and ask. I'm happy to help!"

How to contact the credential office:
teachingcredentials@puc.edu

Department Office: 707-965-7265
Credential Office: 707-965-6643



Mission Statement: The mission of the Pacific Union College Education Department is to offer an excellent and distinctive Christian Education for the purpose of developing professional teachers. These teachers will demonstrate the skills and teaching strategies necessary to create rigorous, stimulating, and caring classroom climates where learning takes place for all students.

Humanities Pre-Vespers



On September 29, 2023, the Education Department joined the English, History, Communications, and World Languages Departments for pre-vespers on the patio outside of Stauffer Hall. This was an opportunity for students to engage in fellowship and partake in a taco bar dinner before vespers. Students enjoy the department pre-vespers as it gives them a chance to decompress and in company of their peers at the end of the week.

A Department That Eats Together Stays Together



"Food brings people together on many different levels. Its nourishment of the soul and body; it's truly love." Giada De Laurentiis

The Education Department faculty believes in the importance of fostering community with our students and we value getting to know one another in informal settings.

Assessment Information

Important Exams in the Credential Program to show what you know

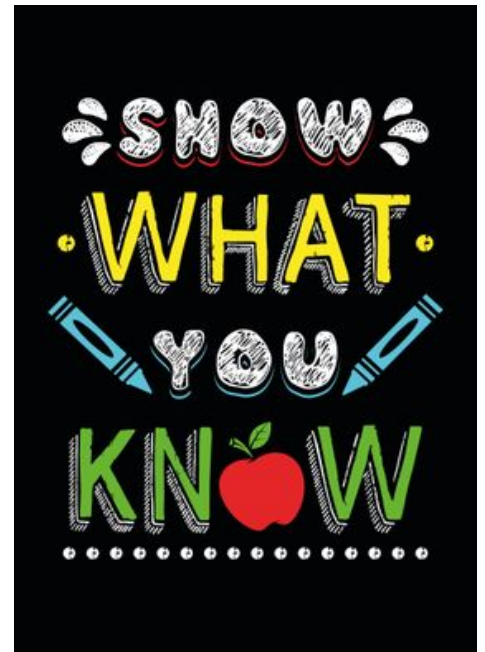
CBEST - California Basic Education Skills Exams

RICA - Reading Instruction Competence Assessment

CSET - California Subject Examination for Teachers

CalTPA - California Teaching Performance Assessment

Please speak with your advisor about the best time to take these exams.



CBEST is the California Basic Educational Skills Exam. It can be used to fulfill the basic skills requirement for admission to the teacher credential program. The CBEST includes three sections: reading, writing, and math. The passing score for each CBEST test is 41, although scores as low as 37 are accepted if the total score for all three tests is at least 123.

Previously, to meet the Subject Matter Requirement, candidates must have either received a passing score on the applicable CSET exam or completed a Commission-approved subject matter waiver. New legislation, AB 130, lists three additional ways to meet the requirement. We are still working to understand the new policy and we will update you as we receive more information. See more information about AB 130 in this newsletter under "AB 130 Subject Matter Requirement."

RICA demonstrates your ability to appropriately teach reading at the elementary school level. The test can be taken anytime after you have completed EDUC 353/553-Teaching English Language Arts I and EDUC 356/556-Teaching English Language Arts II.

All candidates for teaching credentials must pass CalTPA Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 before a recommendation for a California credential can be registered. At PUC, the CalTPA Cycle 1 is written and submitted in the winter quarter methods course of the MS and SS programs when candidates are placed in short-term field settings. The CalTPA Cycle 2 is written and submitted during the full-time student teaching experience.



If you are pursuing education at PUC you may qualify for the Adventist Mission Scholarship of \$1,000 per quarter and up to a total of \$3,000 per year. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Credential Analyst in the Education Department.

Students who began receiving the Adventist Mission Scholarship during the 2022-2023 school year are required to complete a partial application to the credential program by the end of spring quarter, 2024.

Students who began receiving the Adventist Mission Scholarship during the 2021-2022 school year are required to be formally admitted to the credential program by the end of spring quarter, 2024.

If these requirements are not met by the deadlines above, your scholarship may be canceled.

If you have questions, please contact the Credential Analyst at teachingcredentials@puc.edu



If you are planning to begin methods courses next year, **SPRING QUARTER** is the time to begin your application to the credential program. This happens through a formal application and admission process that **SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF YOUR SOPHMORE YEAR**. If you are not sure when to apply to the program, please contact your advisor as soon as possible!

It is best to begin the process in spring quarter, so you will be finished by the start of fall quarter.



Credential Program Application Requirements:

1. Application Form
2. Advisor Interview
3. Personal Statement
4. Professional Recommendation
5. Basic Skills Requirement
6. Certificate of Clearance
7. Verification of SDA Church Membership (if applicable)

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and then when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

PLEASE CHECK
YOUR EMAILS
REGULARLY

AB 130 Subject Matter Requirement

Previously, to meet the Subject Matter Requirement, candidates must have either received a passing score on the applicable CSET examination or completed a Commission-approved subject matter waiver program. AB 130 expands the available options to allow candidates to meet the Subject Matter Requirement through any one of the following methods: 1. Successful completion of coursework, as verified by a Commission-approved program of professional preparation that addresses each of the Commission-adopted domains of the applicable subject matter requirements. 2. Successful completion of an academic major in the subject they will teach. a. For Single Subject credentials, the major must be in one of the subjects named in Education Code section 44257(a). b. For Multiple Subject credentials, the major must be in liberal studies or an interdisciplinary major that includes coursework in the content areas identified in subdivision (b) of California Education Code section 44282. *See updates in PSA 23-04 Coded Correspondence 21-05: Assembly Bill 130: Availability of New Options to Meet the Subject Matter and the Basic Skills Requirements page 2 c. For Education Specialist credentials, the major must align with one of the acceptable majors for the Multiple Subject credential or Single Subject credential. 3. A combination of coursework and examination options that meet or exceed the domains of the subject matter requirements. Such mixing of options may only be done by candidates enrolled in a Commission-approved preparation program that allows for this option. Due to the complexity of these changes and the impact they may have on Commission approved preparation programs, the Commission will be enacting emergency regulations to clarify the requirements for programs that wish to conduct coursework evaluations for alignment with the subject matter domains and to expand and clarify the degree types that may be used for the major option. In addition to emergency regulations, the Commission is also developing additional guidance for programs related to the complex coursework evaluations and will be providing detailed technical assistance in the near future. Programs should not begin coursework evaluations for meeting the Subject Matter Requirement until this additional guidance can be shared with the field. However, the use of appropriate degree majors to meet the Subject Matter Requirement may begin immediately, as well as the new basic skills options outlined in this Coded Correspondence."

Reasons to Become a Teacher

(indeed.com)

- Helping students succeed academically
- Impacting students' personal lives
- Dedication to your community
- Potential for a lot of fun
- New tasks and challenges each day
- Lifelong learning
- Chances to be creative
- Job stability and availability
- Consistent skill development

HOPEFUL WISE ORGANIZER INCLUSIVE ADVOCATE HARD WORKING SUPPORTIVE FRIEND MOTIVATOR DRIVEN COURAGEOUS GUIDE BRILLIANT INSPIRING UNDERSTANDING COACH OPTIMISTIC TEACHER MENTORING RESOURCEFUL GIVING EMPOWERING DEVOTED LISTENER SUPERHERO GENEROUS DEDICATED THOUGHTFUL LEADER IMPORTANT MENTOR CREATIVE NOBLE CARING KIND VISIONARY APPRECIATED

Have you
gotten your
**Certificate
of Clearance**
Yet?

CHECK OUT THIS SHORT TUTORIAL

You need it to apply to the credential program.
Also, it is required to be able to be in classrooms.

Fingerprints Needed

Who Is My Education Department Advisor?



Dr. Jean Buller, Ed.D

- CA Preliminary and SDA Basic Multiple Subject Credential Program
- Liberal Studies Degree
- CA Preliminary and SDA Basic Multiple Subject Credential Program
- SDA Religion Content Area Endorsement
- CA Preliminary and SDA Basic Multiple Subject and Single Subject Credential Program (non-degree 5th Year and M.A.T. program)
- DUAL Basic Elementary, Secondary Credential
- Master of Education Degree
- Early Childhood Education credential candidates
- A.S. - Early Childhood Education
- B.S. - Early Childhood Education
- Minor - Early Childhood Education

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General Advising
All Credential Programs

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CA Preliminary and SDA Basic Single Subject Credential Program: Art, World Languages, Math, Music, Sciences, PE (undergraduates)

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