

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

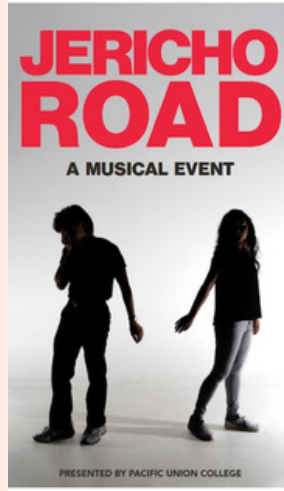
Seventh-day Adventist BASIC
certification programs for
secondary and elementary

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.



During February, the Paulin Center for the Arts hosted "Jericho Road," a remarkable musical written and produced by Lindsay Morton, the Associate Dean for Pacific Union College. The musical creatively follows a young couple's journey and explores marriage's challenges and complexities. The education department was well represented as our very own Leila Beltran played one of the lead characters, Amanda Barnes also had a starring role and assumed the role of assistant director, and Lauren Vandenhoven added her beautiful voice to the chorus.

"Jericho Road" fully illustrates the level of talent that our teacher candidates possess and their willingness to share them. Participating in a musical requires dedication, collaboration, and creativity. Similarly, the teaching profession requires those same skills. Classroom teachers leverage their diverse skill sets, talents, and attributes to enhance their students' learning experience.



Leila Beltran

Liberal Studies: Elementary Education



Chorus Featuring: **Lauren Vanhenvoven**
English Education



Amanda Barnes
English Education



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 climate where learning takes place for all students.



Education Day 2023

On February 7, 2023, the Education Department sponsored the annual “Education Days” event in the church Fireside Room. This event aimed to introduce teacher candidates who will be ready for hire into classrooms in the 2022-2023 school year to potential employers in the Seventh-day Adventist school system and to provide all teacher candidates with the opportunity to meet conference superintendents and ask questions.

A Department That Eats Together Stays Together



Education Department Pre-Vespers



Weekly dinner at Dr. Penaflorida's home

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

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

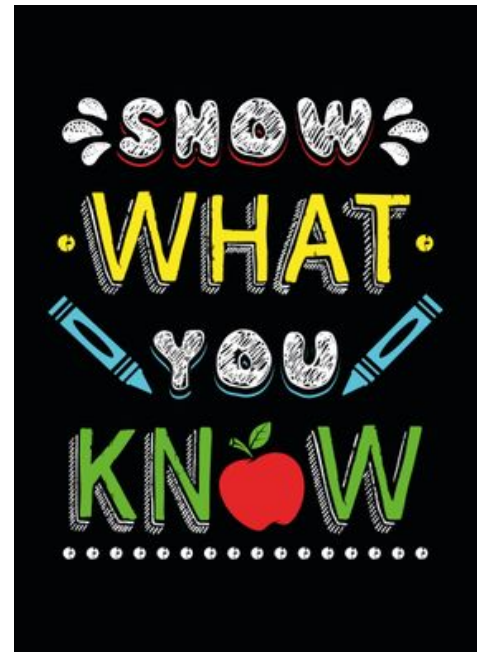
CBEST - California Basic Education Skills Exams

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.

CSET is the state-required exam which all candidates must take to demonstrate that they are competent in the subject matter they wish to teach. State law requires that CSET must be passed in full before a full-time student teaching experience may begin. The Education Department requires passage of CSET one full quarter before starting student teaching.

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 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.

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 the spring quarter.

If these requirements are not met by the deadlines above, your scholarship will be canceled for the 2021-2022 school year.

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!

Formal admission should be made before August 1, 2023, so that you will have plenty of time to complete program requirements. It is best to begin the process in spring 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

"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

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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



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?



Jean Buller, Ed.D

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