

Credential Office Newsletter

Jennifer Peñaflorida, Our New Professor in the Education Department.

I am grateful and honored to be called into this sacred ministry of education, to be a facilitator and mentor, and to help you achieve your goals of becoming an effective teacher. I love teaching and – 15 years in – I still love it. This is God’s purpose for my life, and I am here to serve you.

I have spent eleven years teaching 7th-12th grade English, history, and physical science in public (rural and urban), private, and charter schools. From 2016-2020 I taught education classes at the University of Arkansas at both the undergraduate and graduate levels while working on my PhD. My research interests are writing instruction and coaching teachers. When I’m not teaching, I am reading, writing, jogging, traveling, and loving my family. My husband, Allan Peñaflorida, and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary last April and we are having fun raising our beautiful children, Gianpaolo (age 14) and Simone (age 11).

When I think about why I am a teacher, my favorite author says it better me. She writes, “Love, the basis of creation and of redemption, is the basis of true education.” No matter where I taught—public or private, rural or urban—I’ve asked Christ to give me His love so I can love my students as He loves them. I pray that as we co-construct knowledge, our hearts and mind will continually turn to Jesus, and that by beholding Him we will be changed.

Welcome, Dr. Jennifer Peñaflorida!



Save The Date!

- Classes Begin
9-27-21
- TPA/TPE Orientation
10-7-21
- Pre-Vespers
10-22-21
- Placement Seminar #1
10-13-21
- Placement Seminar #2
10-20-21
- Placement Seminar #3
10-27-21
- Student Teaching Orientation
TBD

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Sydney Foliente– Graduate School

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 a rigorous, stimulating, and

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS OFFERED AT PUC

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

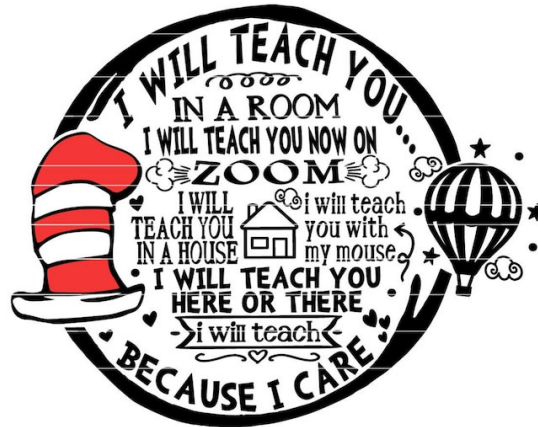
Seventh-day Adventist PROFESSIONAL certification program

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

Master of Education Degree for practicing teachers.

FALL STUDENT TEACHERS

- **CJ DePano- Grade 3**
- **Hannah Beachboard- Jr. High English**
- **Wayne Engelstad- Highschool PE**



HOW TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

- Complete one full quarter of college level coursework.
- Pass EDUC 101 (C– or better) and EDUC 101L (B– or better).
- Obtain and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 (undergraduate) or 3.0 (graduate level).
- Meet the Basic Skills Requirement with passing scores for the CBEST, SAT or ACT, or by meeting the coursework requirement
- Complete a Live Scan and obtain a Certificate of Clearance from the CTC (background check)
- Submit a Complete Application.

When 1 teaches 2 learn—Robert Heinlein

NEW CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE PUC CREDENTIAL PROGRAM THIS FALL

Undergraduate Multiple Subject Candidate

Ethan Blanca

Savannah Harmon

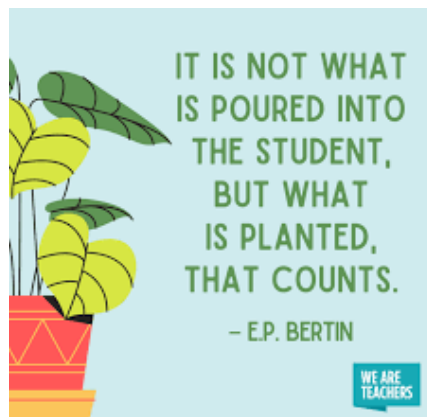
Undergraduate Single Subject Candidates

Cyrus Jones

Lauren VandenHoven

Post-Baccalaureate Single Subject Candidate

Emmanuel Sheen



ADVENTIST MISSION SCHOLARSHIP

We have great news! 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.

If you are an Adventist Mission Scholarship recipient, please pay attention to these important reminders and deadlines

2020-2021 Credential Candidate Recipients:

In order to maintain your scholarship you must be formally admitted to the credential program by June of this school year. This includes meeting the Basic Skills requirement, obtaining a Certificate of Clearance, and submitting application materials

2021-2022 Credential Candidate Recipients:

You are required to have a short interview with the Credential Analyst and your education advisor before the end of Fall quarter 2021 to discuss the requirements for maintaining the scholarship. You must also take EDUC 101 and EDUC 101L this school year and pass both courses. Finally, you must submit a partial application for admission to the teacher education program by June 2022. Please contact the Credential Office with any questions!

ALTERNATE ROUTES TO MEET THE BASIC SKILLS AND SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS USING COURSEWORK

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE

Completion of the LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTING and issuance of a CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE verifying you do not have a criminal record are prerequisites to formal admission to the Teacher Preparation Program and participation in field experiences in K-12 classrooms.

Pick up the LiveScan & Certificate of Clearance Packet in the Education Department lobby.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL!

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FACULTY AND STAFF COMMUNICATE WITH YOU USING YOUR PUC EMAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE CHECK IT REGULARLY AND OFTEN!



Assembly Bill 130 was signed by Governor Newsom and became effective July 9, 2021. Provisions of the bill create new options for teacher credential candidates to meet the Subject Matter and Basic Skills Requirements.

Basic Skills Requirement

This new option allows the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and Commission-approved preparation programs to verify that a candidate has demonstrated basic skills proficiency by verifying qualifying college level coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education

The following conditions must be met:

The candidate must have earned a grade of “B-” or better

The coursework must have been taken at a regionally accredited college or university

The coursework must provide three semester units or equivalent quarter units (4) in Reading, Writing and Mathematics

The coursework must have been taken for academic credit

The coursework must be degree applicable

Subject Matter Competency Requirement

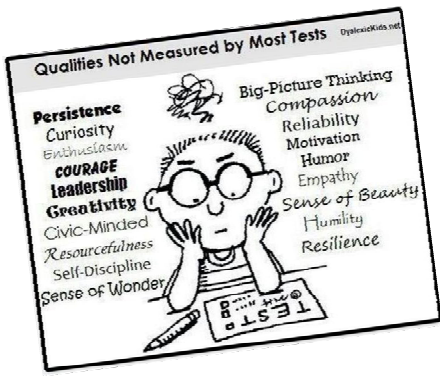
Previously, to meet the Subject Matter Requirement, candidates must have either received a passing score on the applicable CSET examination or completed a Commission-approved subject matter waiver program. AB 130 expands the available options to allow candidates to meet the Subject Matter Requirement 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 of the credential being sought. Liberal Studies can be used by Multiple Subject credential candidates.
3. A combination of coursework and examination options that meet or exceed the domains of the subject matter requirements.

When you pass CBEST, CSET, or RICA you will receive a passing score report from NES via email.



IMMEDIATELY forward this email the Credential Analyst at teachingcredentials@puc.edu so that your passing score can be recorded!



ORIENTATIONS, SEMINARS AND REVIEWS

RICA PREPARATION: Preparation for the RICA exam is provided by Dr. Buller for candidates who will take RICA this quarter at the conclusion of the student teaching experience. This review will take place during an EDUC 498 -Student Teaching Seminar class period.

PLACEMENT SEMINARS: These special sessions are for all department candidates who will be ready to be hired into their first teaching position in the 2022-2023 school year. The seminars introduce candidates to the process of finding a job in both the SDA and public school systems, and prepares them for the Education Days Experience in February. Seminar attendance is by invitation only. Watch for announcements.

APPLICATION SESSION #1: This session is required of all candidates who have been formally admitted to the program and wish to complete Pre-Session Student Teaching and Full- Time Student Teaching during the 2022-2023 school year. The session provides candidates with information about the two experiences and provides the application materials needed to apply for each experience. By invitation only. Watch for further announcements.

*“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”
Ellen G. White*

TESTING INFORMATION

RICA

RICA is a test required of all candidates for elementary credentials. This test demonstrates the candidate’s ability to teach reading appropriately at the elementary level. The RICA must be passed before recommendations will be made for SDA or CA credentials. It should be taken during the quarter of student teaching. RICA is available only as a computer-based test off-campus at a Pearson Test Center at a location and date of your choice. RICA may be repeated as many times as necessary to pass. Dr. Buller provides a RICA Preparation Session during EDUC 498 which is taken concurrently with student teaching.

CBEST

All applicants for admission to the Teacher Preparation Program must meet the Basic Skills Requirement. The CBEST exam is the most common option used by PUC candidates. It has three test sections, reading, writing, and math. CBEST is available as a computer-based test off-campus on any date of your choice. CBEST may be repeated as many times as necessary to pass. A passing score report must be submitted to the Credential Office as part of the application for program admission.

CSET

CSET is a test in which candidates demonstrate that they are competent to teach in the content area of the credential they desire. Multiple Subject Candidates should take the Multiple Subjects Exam. Single Subject Candidates should take the exam that matches their degree subject. If planning to use the CSET exam for fulfilling subject matter competency, candidates should plan to take the CSET during their junior year. The CSET is available only as a computer-based test off-campus at a Pearson Test Center at a location and date of your choice.

Study guides to help you prepare for these tests are available at the circulation desk in the college library or the Education department. Information about the content of the test, passing scores, and the process of registration is available in the Education Department in the brochure rack in the lobby.