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.

DEPARTMENT CALENDAR, WINTER 2011
1/2 CPR class on campus
1/3 Full-time student teaching begins
1/3 Autumn Quarter classes begin
1/9 CSET (Sunday test at PUC)
1/10 Last day to add or delete classes
1/10 LiveScan fingerprinting on campus
1/26 Application Orientation (Student Teaching/Pre-Session)
2/6 CBEST & RICA (Sunday test at PUC)
2/7 Education Days Banquet, 6 p.m.
2/8 Education Days Job Fair, 9 a.m.-12 noon
2/11 Department Pre-Vespers (watch for announcement)

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS, Autumn 2010
Secondary: Diane Whitley

INITIAL CREDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS, Autumn 2010
Elementary: Leah Conde, Ivy Sunico

STUDENT TEACHERS, Winter 2011
Elementary: Amanda Baker, Alyse Knutsen

EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED WINTER 2011
No program admission required:
EDUC 101 & EDUC 101L, EDUC 333, EDUC 350 (prereq: EDUC 101 & 101L), EDUC 480 (prereq: EDUC 101 & 101L),
Regular program admission required:
EDUC 353, EDUC 361, EDUC 491, EDUC 493, EDUC 494, EDUC 498

EDUCATION DAYS 2011
The annual Education Days event is scheduled for Monday evening, February 7 (banquet), and Tuesday morning, February 8 (job fair). This event is “by invitation only” to all candidates completing their credential program in 2010-2011 and eligible for hire in the 2011-2012 school year.

APPLICATION ORIENTATION SESSION FOR STUDENT TEACHING & PRESESSION STUDENT TEACHING
All candidates wishing to participate in Pre-Session Student Teaching during Summer 2011 or Full-Time Student Teaching in the 2011-2012 school year are required to attend the Application Orientation Session on Wednesday, January 26. The session for Pre-Session Student Teaching will be from 7-7:30 and the session for Full-Time Student Teaching from 7:30-8:45. And yes, you must attend both sessions if you will be completing both experiences. At these sessions you will be given a brief overview of each experience, learn how placements are made, and receive application packets so you can make an application to the department to complete each experience. This is the only Application Orientation given during the school year so don't miss it if you want to participate in either experience! Contact Debra Murphy for further information. You will be receiving a special invitation if you are required to attend.

DEADLINE FOR PASSING CSET
The deadline for passing your CSET exam is one full quarter prior to the quarter you wish to complete student teaching. Failure to meet the deadline will result in postponement of your student teaching placement to a later quarter. Be sure to check test dates and registration deadlines for the CSET! Bring a copy of your CSET score report to the Credential Office when you have passed all sections of the exam. IMPORTANT NOTE: Art, PE, Languages, and Music exams are not offered on every test date and are not available at PUC as a test site. If you are taking one of these exams, be sure to read the registration materials carefully so that you don't miss a test date.

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. Each month a CPR course which will meet this requirement is offered on campus. Watch for announcements about Winter Quarter course dates on campus.
LIVESCAN FINGERPRINTING - WINTER QUARTER
LiveScan fingerprinting will be available on campus during Winter quarter on Wednesday, January 10, starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Nursing Department, Davidian Hall, outside Room 212. Contact Debra Winkle in the Nursing Department at 965-7627 or dwinkle@puc.edu to make an appointment.

LiveScan fingerprinting is the process all candidates for admission to the credential program must undergo in order to obtain a Certificate of Clearance (criminal record clearance) from the CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing. A Certificate of Clearance must be submitted with the application for admission to the credential program. The paperwork for obtaining a LiveScan is part of the program application packet and is available from Mrs. Crow in the Credential Office.

TAKE THE CBEST NOW - DON'T WAIT!
Full passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) is a prerequisite for admission to the credential program. Although the exam tests your competency at the 8th grade level, it is not necessarily "easy" and does require careful preparation and study. It is recommended that you take CBEST well before the quarter you wish to be admitted to the credential program so that you have plenty of test dates to retake the test if you don't pass the first time. DON'T WAIT to take the test until just before you wish to start the method sequence - take it now! Test information, study materials, and a practice exam are found at www.cbest.nesinc.com.

ADMISSION TO THE CREDENTIAL PROGRAM
If you are planning on starting either the elementary or secondary methods sequence & field work in Autumn 2011, be sure that you submit your full Application for Admission to the credential program to the Credential Office BEFORE THE END OF SPRING QUARTER 2011. You may obtain an program application packet from the Credential Office when you have met the prerequisites to admission: 1) EDUC 101, 2) EDUC 101L, 3) minimum cum GPA of at least 2.5, 4) successful completion of at least one quarter of college coursework, 4) full passage of CBEST, and 5) a Certificate of Clearance showing criminal record clearance.

EXIT INTERVIEW WITH CREDENTIAL OFFICE
If you will be completing your credential program during Winter quarter, be sure to contact the Credential Office for an Exit Interview before the end of the quarter. At this time you will submit your applications for credentials and learn how to maintain your credentials once they are granted. You must complete 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, TPA results, CPR verification, and transcripts are on file. Credential application instructions and materials are sent to each candidate during their last quarter in the credential program.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .
"The task of the excellent teacher is to stimulate 'apparently ordinary' people to unusual effort. The tough problem is not in identifying winners: it is in making winners out of ordinary people."
-K. Patricia Cross

"Those who dare to teach must never cease to learn."
-John Cotton Dana

"A teacher is one who makes himself progressively unnecessary."
-Thomas Carruthers

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."
-Henry Adams

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."
-William Arthur Ward

"What a teacher is, is more important than what he teaches."
-Karl Menninger