

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.



My name is Nicole Nunes-Smith, and I am the new Director of Field Experience and Credential Analyst at Pacific Union College. Looking back, some of my fondest childhood memories are those in which I played school. I would gather up my dolls and stuffed animals and present a lesson on something I had recently learned.

I didn't know it at the time, but my playtime laid the foundation for a wonderful career in education. This is my nineteenth year as an educator, and I am excited to be a part of the PUC family.

I received a bachelor's and master's degree in English and Language Arts Education from Oakwood University and Masters in English Education from Alabama A&M University. I recently earned my Educational Leadership credentials from the University of Alabama. I taught 8th grade in public schools for ten years. I was a Title I Curriculum Specialist for five years, working in elementary, middle, and high school settings. In that role, I provided collective and individual support for classroom teachers through coaching and professional development. In addition, I have been a GED instructor and even taught homeschool. I am passionate about teaching students and supporting teachers.

I believe that teachers are one of society's most valuable assets and that God calls each one to facilitate knowledge acquisition while also seeking to inspire, nurture and love His children.



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.

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.

Please stop by the Credential Office for application materials.

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 for information and requirements.



NEW TEACHERS

- CJ DePano
- Roxanne Ferrolino
- Julie Wallewein
- Hannah Beachboard
- Wayne Engelstead
- Daphne Moreno



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 a LiveScan & Certificate of Clearance Packet in the Education Department Lobby.



Testing Information

RICA - Required of all elementary credential candidates. It demonstrates the candidate's ability to teach reading appropriately at the elementary level. It should be taken during the quarter of student teaching. A preparation session is offered during EDUC 498.

CBEST - The most common option used to meet the Basic Skills requirement. It has three sections: reading, writing, and math.

CSET - Multiple and Single Subject Candidates demonstrate that they are competent to teach in their content area. Candidates should plan to take the CSET during their junior year.

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!

Basic Skills Requirement

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:

1. The candidate must have earned a grade of "B-" or better.
2. The coursework must have been taken at a regionally accredited college or university.
3. The coursework must provide three-semester units or equivalent quarter units (4) in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.
4. The coursework must have been taken for academic credit.
5. The coursework must be degree applicable.

Subject Matter Competency

Candidate can meet this requirement with one of the following

1. Receive a passing score on the applicable CSET examination or completed a Commission-approved subject matter waiver program.
2. 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
3. Successful completion of an academic major in the subject of the credential being sought. Liberal Studies can be used by Multiple Subject credential candidates.
4. A combination of coursework and examination options that meet or exceed the domains of the subject matter requirements.

Check Your Email Daily



STAY CONNECTED

New Candidates Admitted this Fall

Ariana Bautista
Amanda Barnes

**SO GLAD
YOU'RE
HERE!**

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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Jennifer Penaflorida, Ph.D

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Kathleen Jefferson, M.S.

- Liberal Studies Degree
- CA Preliminary and SDA Basic Multiple Subject Credential Program
- SDA Religion Content Area Endorsement

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