

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.



**HAPPY NEW
YEAR FROM THE
PUC EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**

The PUC Education Department consists of educators who have dedicated their lives to pursuing knowledge and a desire to facilitate student learning, engagement, and discovery. Through the teaching credential program, we prepare our students to take on the challenges of teaching and provide the necessary tools for them to succeed in the classroom.

While a teaching credential is a legally binding document that allows an individual to teach in a classroom, it is much more than that. A credential represents hours of study in pedagogical best practices and content-specific integration. It also represents hands-on experience and mentorship from some of the best classroom educators in the field.

The demand for qualified teachers across the country is at an all-time high. The PUC education department is essential in preparing g aspiring educators and providing well-prepared teachers who will nurture and inspire our children and turn them into tomorrow's leaders.



Contact the credential office for more information about
our programs: teachingcredentials@puc.edu

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

Did you know that one of the most interesting and exciting parts of the teacher education program is participation in the methods course sequence and related field experiences in classrooms?

In these courses, you get to the real heart of learning how to teach. You will learn strategies in the methods courses and then go out into K-12 classrooms to practice your skills.

To get into these classes and field experiences, you must first gain admission to the credential program. The admission process **SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR** so that you will have plenty of time to complete program requirements. Here are the steps to follow to gain admission to the program:

- Meet the prerequisites for admission: one-quarter of successful college work, a GPA of at least 2.75, and completion of EDUC 101 with a C- or better and 101 Lab with a B- or better.
- Complete an application for program admission. Applications can be obtained in the credential office.
- Collect the required documents for admission. See the credential analyst for details.
- Meet the Basic Skills requirement with passing SAT, ACT or CBEST scores.
- Obtain a Certificate of Clearance
- Complete an interview with the Credential Analyst and submit your full application with all required documents.



Amanda with her supervising teacher Erin Kurtz.

Amanda is an English major pursuing a Single Subject California Credential and a Basic SDA Credential. She was placed at Robert Lous Stevenson Middle School to fulfill the requirements for her methods course EDUC 361. She describes her lab experience with the following: "My time at RLS doing my short-term lab experience student teaching has been the most impactful time in my educational career thus far. My mentor teacher, Erin Kurtz, the 6th grade English teacher, went above and beyond when it came to showing me the tricks of the trade. She gave me the opportunity to fully inhabit the role of a teacher, albeit it was only a few days at a time. She pushed me to refine my skills, and she challenged me to think harder, prepare better, and have fun with it. The students were incredible, and they have played a huge role in the teacher that I will become. I cannot fully express my gratitude to all of the people who made this experience possible."

"True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is...it prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." Ellen G. White



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.

SAVE THE DATE:
Education Day

IMPORTANT

The purpose of this event is to provide candidates who will be ready for hire into a teaching position an opportunity to meet potential employers

COMING SOON

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All candidates for a teaching credential must complete a CPR course as part of the Multiple and Single subject credential program requirements.

- The course **MUST** cover **ADULT + CHILD + INFANT** CPR. Be sure that the course taken and the card received indicate that all three age groups were covered.
- The course **MUST** be provided by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

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!

I've Completed My Program, Now What?

1. Fill out the credential application forms sent to you by the Credential office near the end of your program.
2. Have two copies of your official transcripts from every institution of higher education you have attended sent to the Credential office.
3. **Schedule an exit interview** with the Credential Analyst to submit the credential application paperwork, learn how to upgrade your credential in the future, and complete a program exit survey.
4. When you receive email notification that you have been recommended for credentials, immediately go online to the link provided and make your online application for the CA credentials.
5. When you receive notification that your CA credential has been granted, go online and print a copy. Watch your mailbox for your SDA teaching



CALIFORNIA
STUDENT AID
COMMISSION

The Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program awards up to \$20,000 to students currently enrolled in a professional preparation program approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and working towards earning their preliminary teaching or pupil personnel services credential. Students must:

Students must:

- Complete their program and obtain their credential within 3 years from the first distribution of GSTG funds.
- Commit to work at a priority school in California for 4 years within 8 years of completing their program.



SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

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.



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

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