

TEACHER GUIDE

Is Teaching Right for You?

- Are you passionate about working in a particular field in education (special education, early childhood education, primary education, secondary education, etc.)?
- Do you enjoy working with children? Or young adults?
- Do you enjoy teaching others in a particular subject?
- Have you had experience teaching in a classroom setting?
- Do you enjoy presenting to a large group of people?
- Do you enjoy giving feedback to others regarding their education?

General Requirements to Become a Substitute Teacher

- Attain a Bachelor's Degree (You will need to provide official transcripts demonstrating you have attained a Bachelor's Degree)
- Pass the CBEST (fees apply) or Complete a Bachelors degree
- Pass a background check
- Obtain a Substitute Teaching Permit
- Pass additional exams required by district of interest
- Apply on school district's website
- Prepare letter of interest and letter(s) of recommendation
- For specific details visit:
ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-substitute
- Visit the school district's website for their specific requirements

General Requirements to Become a Teacher

- Attain a Bachelor's Degree (You will need to provide official transcripts demonstrating you have attained a Bachelor's Degree)
- Complete a Teacher Preparation Program for desired credential (General Education or Special Education). Visit ctc.ca.gov for list of programs
- Obtain a Teaching Credential
- Complete required hours of fieldwork
- Pass a Basic Skills Test (CBEST) or Bachelors Degree and a Subject Matter Test (CSET) or Subject Matter Preparation Program
- Pass additional exams required by district of interest
- Prepare for application materials (resume, letters of recommendation, etc.)

Credential Program Information

General Requirements (Will vary based on program)

- A Baccalaureate Degree
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher Passing Scores on Basic Skills Test
- or Bachelors Degree
- Subject Matter Requirements
- (Timeline of the completion of this will vary by school)
- Obtain a Certificate of Clearance
- Official degree posted transcripts
- Recommendation Letters
- Inquiry if specific coursework is required for admission consideration
- For specific credential information please visit:
ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-teaching
- Teacher Credentials
- Multiple-Subject Credential (Elementary Education), Single-Subject Credential (Secondary Education), Special Education Credential, Early Childhood Credential (California issues three types of credentials and permits that authorize service with young learners) Designated Subjects Teaching Credentials

Master and Credential Programs

- Combined degrees will vary by school

Additional Credentials

- Speech Services Credentials
- School Nurse Services Credential
- Teacher Librarian Services Credential
- Pupil Personnel Services Credentials
- Administrative Services Credential

***Inquire about adding authorizations or teaching areas requirements such as bilingual authorization to teach in dual immersion classrooms

Build Your Teaching Experience

- Volunteer at school
- Shadow a teacher
- Gain tutoring experience
- Explore options with organizations that support education: Teach for America, City Year, and AmeriCorps UECC Program
- Take relevant courses
- Work with children in any experience capacity
- Join a student organization relevant to teaching and education
- Join the California Teach-Science & Mathematics Initiative (CalTeach-SMI)
- Connect with UCR Graduate School of Education to learn about research, leadership, and engagement opportunities

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Interested in Furthering Your Teaching Degree?

- Attain a Master's Degree
- Pursue a Ph.D in Education (Disciplines will vary)
- Attain certificates that support advanced teaching skills
- Join professional associations
- Join clubs outside of teaching that support student development

Suggested Timeline

Fall/Winter/Spring Quarter-Second Year

- Conduct informational interviews
- Explore volunteer opportunities and internships related to education
- Research deadlines for CBEST or CSET scores for each school to plan accordingly. If you can, by spring quarter start taking the required exams

- Attend teacher industry panels and/or workshops (Discovering Graduate and Credential Programs in Education and Teaching)
- Join a student organization related to education or teaching
- Begin gaining related experience

Fall/Winter/Spring Quarter-Third Year

- Build from the second-year suggested timeline above
- Attend UCR's Graduate and Professional School Information Day Fair in the fall
- Start researching/visiting schools
- Begin writing your personal statement
- Identify those who would be willing to write letters of recommendation such as faculty, staff, and supervisors (Please check every school's admissions requirements)
- If you haven't already, register to take the CBEST or CSET (if required) Students should consider taking the required exams before they gain valuable experience through shadowing, internships, and volunteering opportunities)

Summer-Third Year

- Visit desired schools
- Continue to work on your personal statement
- Continue to gain valuable experience
- Ask for letters of recommendation from appropriate faculty and staff based on school requirements
- Begin deciding which preferred schools you would like to apply to and make a check list and schedule each application
- Get your resume reviewed by a Career Counselor. (Come to drop-in hours or make an appointment)
- By the end of summer finish your personal statement and make an appointment with the Academic Resource Center to have it reviewed.

Fall/Winter/Spring Quarter-Senior Year

- Submit your application early (don't wait until the last day of the application deadline)
- If you haven't already, register to take the CBEST or CSET (At this point you should have at least two-thirds of these exams passed)

- If you haven't already, finish your personal statement and make an appointment with the Academic Resource Center to have it reviewed by a writing specialist.

Spring Quarter-Senior Year

- Secure financing
- Submit tuition/housing deposits upon acceptance to the school in which you've enrolled in

- Collect letters of recommendation
- Continue to attend events and workshops related to education
- Apply for awards
- Submit financial aid application

Websites

UCR Resources

- careers.ucr.edu
- arc.ucr.edu
- smi.ucr.edu
- uecc.ucr.edu
- education.ucr.edu

Teacher Credential Programs Information

- ctc.ca.gov/credentials/teach
- gradschools.com
- petersons.com
- teachcalifornia.org

Rankings

- usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-education-schools/edu-rankings
- washingtonmonthly.com/2019college-guide

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