

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 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 may apply)
- 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 Certification
- Complete required hours of fieldwork
- Pass a Basic Skills Test (CBEST and/or CSET) and subject matter requirement
- 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 of Basic Skills Test and 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 a 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 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
- 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, Professional, & Law School 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 (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 specialist. (Come to Express Career Advising 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 by a writing specialist.

Fall/Winter/Spring Quarter-Senior Year

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

Spring Quarter-Senior Year

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

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-educationschools/edu-rankings
- washingtonmonthly.com/2019college-guide

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