UCSB’s Teacher Education Program offers a rigorous, one-year, post-graduate M.Ed.+Credential program (an academic year with 2 summers). It is one of the highest quality programs in the nation, with state-of-the-art practice grounded in partner schools, a focus on teaching to reach ALL learners, and teacher educators with established records of success.

TEP works with one cohort of teacher candidates per year and keeps the program small to ensure individualized attention for each teacher candidate (approximately 100 candidates). Course- and field-work is concurrent, which means candidates spend the entire academic year in schools, developing their practice with daily guidance, then extending their learning in afternoon and evening courses. This allows for a more streamlined, purposeful integration of university and fieldwork, which drives our faculty to collaborate across all aspects of teacher preparation.

TEP strives for a community of learners where everyone – teacher candidates, teacher educators, and K-12 teachers – are working together to meet the needs of our new, our diverse, and our very different generation of learners.

Credentials Offered

☑ Multiple Subject Teaching Credential (for elementary school teachers)
☑ Single Subject Teaching Credential (for junior high or high school teachers) in:
  English
  Math
  Social Science
  World Language (French, German, Latin, and Spanish)
  Science (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics)
☑ Education Specialist Moderate/Severe Teaching Credential (for special education teachers)

A Program Acclaimed for

- **Immersion-based preparation**, one cohort at a time, with a full year in K-12 schools.
- **Graduates who focus on student learning** and create educational opportunities for all learners.
- **Practice aimed at narrowing the achievement gap**. 1 of 29 top programs in the nation approved for recipients of the Woodrow Wilson-RBF for Aspiring Teachers of Color Fellowship.
- **Preparing teacher leaders** who build their careers through innovation in multiple educational arenas.
- **Being a model program for California.** Named as one of “California’s assets” in the governor’s State Educator Excellence Task Force report, *Greatness by Design: Supporting Outstanding Teaching to Sustain the Golden State*, Sept 2012.
- **Building an international focus** with student exchanges, research collaborations, and graduate job opportunities.
Students deserve the opportunity to thrive. Exceptional teaching provides that opportunity.

We make exceptional teachers.

How we do it:

• Select the best applicants, leaders committed to discovering and transforming children's learning.

• Place teacher candidates in classrooms for the full academic year so they learn about practice in practice.

• Work in partner schools with a shared vision of excellence for students from diverse ethnic, linguistic, academic, and economic backgrounds.

• Locate, conduct, and draw upon research and evidence for best practice.

• Provide individualized mentoring from a team of cooperating teachers, supervisors, and course instructors.

• Challenge our candidates to surpass expectations – both for themselves and their students.

UCSB TEP offers a setting with exceptional opportunities

A Richly Diverse K-12 Population Demanding 21st Century Opportunities. Santa Barbara is home to children and families with a wide array of linguistic, cultural, educational, and socio-economic backgrounds. Teacher candidates must reach learners of English, students with disabilities, students who have disengaged from schooling, and students who perform well. All require rich and tailored experiences for 21st century learning.

New for 2014-15: International Practicum

Select students may participate in a 4-week student teaching practicum with one of our partner institutions in Denmark, Switzerland, or Singapore (due to the popularity of the 2013 pilot, additional partners may be added). Some funding for housing and travel is available.

New for 2014-15: Ventura Cohort

The TEP Ventura Cohort is geared towards applicants already living in, or planning to live in Ventura and surrounding areas. Students will complete their student teaching placement in Ventura. For applicants in this area, a student teaching placement here is of great benefit.