

EARLY FIELD EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

In compliance with the CSU Policy on Teacher Education Preliminary Credential Programs, every applicant must complete an Early Fieldwork Experience. For Cal Poly Humboldt, this means you **must complete 20 hours of documented early fieldwork experience**, as outlined below, **by the time of your program interview**.

The Early Field Experience is designed to provide you with enough information to make a decision about whether a career in teaching is suitable for you. This experience will help you understand the dynamics of teaching in a public school setting and assist you in focusing your educational goals.

It is expected that this experience will occur in:

- Grades K–8, if you are applying for the Multiple Subject Program;
- Grades 7–12, within your subject area, if you are applying for the Single Subject Program; or
- In a public school setting that serves and supports students with disabilities, if you are applying for the Education Specialist Program.

Applicants may combine experiences across settings to meet the minimum 20 hours of Early Fieldwork. Acceptable experiences include:

- Observing a California credentialed teacher in a public school classroom at the appropriate grade band or setting for the program you are applying to (and in your subject area if applying to the Single Subject Program).
- Substitute teaching in California public schools in the desired grade band or setting for the program you are applying to.
- Serving as an instructional aide or paraprofessional in the classroom of a credentialed teacher at the desired grade band or setting for the program you are applying to.
- Course-based field experience: Successful completion of, or current enrollment in, a course with a fieldwork component where you worked with young adults.

All experiences should be completed in a **public school setting** and should take place within the **last** five years. If you need to attach additional information, please do so.



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EARLY FIELD EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Credential Objective: ___ Education Specialist ___ Multiple Subject ___ Single Subject

Please indicate how you met the Early Fieldwork requirement. You may check more than one box.

☐ **Observation of a credentialed teacher in a public school classroom**

List the names of the teachers you observed along with the following information.

<u>School Name/District</u>	<u>Teacher Name</u>	<u>Subject/Grade Level</u>	<u>Hours Completed</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

☐ **Substitute teaching in a California public school**

List the school(s) where you substitute taught, along with the grade level(s) and number of hours.

<u>School Name/District</u>	<u>Grade Level(s)</u>	<u>Hours Completed</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

☐ **Instructional aide/paraprofessional in a California public school classroom**

List the school(s) where you served as an aide, along with the names of the teachers and grade level(s).

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Teacher Name</u>	<u>Grade Level(s)</u>
_____	_____	_____

☐ **Course-based fieldwork**

List the course information below.

Semester/Year: _____ Course Title/Number: _____

School/Placement Site: _____ Supervising Teacher: _____

VERIFICATION (Required):

By signing below, I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is true, accurate, and complete. I understand that my signature below serves as the official verification of my Early Fieldwork hours completion. I acknowledge that misrepresentation of this information may affect my admission status to the credential program.

Applicant Signature (required): _____

Date: _____