



Education Credentials

Founded as a teacher's college in 1913, Cal Poly Humboldt continues its commitment to fostering the educators of tomorrow. Experience teaching in local k-12 schools is a hallmark of our credential programs, which are led by faculty who are dedicated to teaching and mentoring students. Classroom-based practice in local public schools is supplemented with in-person coursework. You'll not only apply what you learn but also experience diverse public school settings.

Experience Your Learning

The program balances theory and practice. Candidates have classes as well as field placements and fieldwork allows students to apply what they learn in class to classrooms in K-12 schools throughout Humboldt County.

Engage and practice teaching in K-12 classrooms, working directly with children and youth, teachers and administrators.

Every teacher credential program requires 600+ hours of field experience.

Teach an entire classroom or small groups, or co-teach with a mentor teacher.

Practice teaching literacy, reading and writing, and math, and prepare and teach science experiments and STEM activities.

Develop lesson plans and unit plans that actively engage K-12 students to create environments where students create their own knowledge.

Learn how to approach teaching that is culturally responsive and design instruction that brings in the diverse knowledge, experiences, and learning abilities of students in local communities.

Work directly with parents at a school by holding parent/teacher conferences and discussing with them the progress of their student.

Did you know?

- Addressing the array of backgrounds, needs, and abilities of today's youth, our program is built on a foundation of equity and social justice.
- Programs specializes in preparing educators to teach in rural communities.
- We partner with 30+ school districts within Humboldt County and surrounding areas.
- We offer a number of pathways leading to a wide variety of teaching credentials, giving you more career options.
- With our cohort model students work and learn together from the beginning of the program.



Academics & Options

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Credential Programs

After earning your bachelor's degree and passing required exams, you'll need a teaching credential, which allows you to teach elementary, middle, or high school, or special education students. Programs are generally two semesters and grounded in field experience.

Elementary Education Credential

To become an elementary school teacher you will need a Multiple Subject Credential. This one year program will give you a California Preliminary Multiple Subject Credential.

Secondary Education Credential

This preliminary credential allows you to apply for your official credential. This program offers face-to-face and online classes and can place you in schools around the state.

- Subject areas include: Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, Geoscience, Industrial Technology, Math, Music, Physical Education, Physics, History/Social Science, World Languages.
- Some Humboldt undergraduate programs allow students to waive the subject matter exams—a requirement for this program: Art Education; English/Language Arts Education; Mathematics Education; Music Education; Physical Education; History Education; Spanish Education.

Education Specialist

A California Education Specialist Credential allows you to teach special education for kindergarten through adult grades and those with learning disabilities, developmental disabilities, health impairments, and serious emotional disturbances. We offer a Mild to Moderate support needs credential with the option to add on a credential in Extensive Support Needs.

Careers

You can convey information clearly, present and speak in public, ask probing questions, and engage learners in a meaningful, equitable way. Your credential will help you develop the knowledge and skills that are critical for your next step in life and transferable to any number of careers.

- Elementary Teacher
- Secondary Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Education Specialist
- Curriculum Specialist
- Peace Corps /AmeriCorps Volunteer
- Public Policy Analyst
- Family or Child Advocate
- Adolescent Activity Specialist
- Researcher

