

Fresno Unified School District  
 Hanford Elementary School District  
 Hanford Joint Union High School District  
 Kern Joint Union High School District  
 (Bakersfield)  
 Kerman Union High School District  
 Kings Canyon Unified School District  
 Kingsburg Unified School District  
 Laton Unified School District  
 Lemoore Unified School District  
 Livingston Union School District  
 Los Banos Unified School District  
 Madera Unified School District  
 McKinley-Roosevelt Union School District

Merced Union High School District  
 Orange Center School District  
 Sanger Unified School District  
 San Joaquin Memorial High School  
 Selma Unified School District  
 State Center Community College District  
 Tranquility Union High School District  
 Tulare County Department of Education  
 (Special Education Services)  
 Tulare Elementary School District  
 Tulare Union High School District  
 Visalia Unified School District  
 Washington Union High School District

### CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

The state now issues credentials for public school service under the provisions of the Teacher Preparation and Licensing Law of 1970 (the Ryan Act).

Information regarding the Ryan Act and the professional preparation programs are available in the departmental offices of the School of Education and in the School of Education Advisement Office (EdP 120).

### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Students planning to undertake a program of studies leading to a credential must apply for admission in the School of Education Advisement Office (EdP 120). Application for admission should be filed during the student's first semester on campus or no later than the first semester of the junior year. Application for student teaching is a separate action and must be filed no later than the fourth week of the semester preceding the semester in which the applicant desires to take student teaching (E Ed 160, S Ed 155B).

The following minimum requirements must be met for acceptance in the programs of professional preparation. Additional criteria may be used for acceptance to programs leading to professional master of arts degrees.

- 1. Academic Aptitude.** Students who fall below the percentile rank of 50 on the college aptitude and reading tests must demonstrate compensating strength in other areas listed in the following sections.
- 2. Scholarship.** Candidates for credentials with elementary (multiple subject) specialization must present a minimum grade-point average of 2.50 in the total university program; candidates for secondary (single subject) specialization must present a minimum grade-point average of 2.75 in the total university program. A grade-point average of not less than 2.50 must be maintained in all work taken at CSUF.
- 3. Professional Aptitude.** Evidence of ability to work with pupils, parents, and school officials must be presented by the candidate.
- 4. Physical Fitness.** All candidates for public school credentials must secure medical clearance from the staff of the university Student Health Service before admission to a credential program is approved.
- 5. Language Usage.** Habitual use of clear, correct, and appropriate language, both written and oral, is required, including demonstrated competency in composition and reading.
- 6. Personality and Character.** Personal qualifications required for professional service are expected. These include appearance, dress, poise, force, vitality, social attitudes, cooperativeness, temperament, emotional stability, integrity, and such personal habits and manners as are not offensive to pupils, co-workers, and school patrons.
- 7. General Fitness for Teaching.** Weakness in the foregoing items, or evidence of unfavorable traits of character or personality, will disqualify a student from candidacy for a credential program.

The School of Education Admissions Committee is responsible for recommending to the Dean applicants who qualify for admission to credential programs. Students who do not meet all of the criteria for admission to a credential program may submit written petitions to the chairperson of the Admissions Committee requesting review of their applications.

### SPECIALIZED CREDENTIALS

The School of Education offers six programs leading toward specialized credentials. As this catalog copy is being prepared, some of these programs are in the process of being approved.