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Program Overview

The Single Subject Credential Program at the University of San Diego is designed to prepare reflective educators who are knowledgeable in theory and practice, pertaining to both the general management and conduct of a secondary classroom and the specific requirements of teaching in subject-specific areas of the curriculum. Our program seeks to credential professionals who are set to teach in a variety of educational settings, including private, public, rural, urban and international schools.

Although designed to prepare teachers for any secondary classroom, the 30-unit program is explicitly aligned with California’s 2042 legislation and the state’s Teacher Performance Expectations are integrated throughout coursework and field experiences. All-credential seekers complete a variety of field experiences designed to expose them to diverse educational settings and an array of professional models of excellent practice. Candidates may apply concurrently for a teacher credential and master’s degree. Successfully completed credential units may be used to meet master’s degree elective requirements.

The University of San Diego is committed to presenting the latest innovations in education, including up-to-the-minute educational technologies; curriculum design, pedagogical approaches to support culturally and linguistically diverse students; strategies to provide high-quality instruction to all learners; and critical habits of mind that will support educators in their own professional development.

Program Curriculum

The School of Leadership and Educators Sciences (SOLES) faculty enrich all programs and course offerings with the values, concepts and themes that we all believe will help students become ethical, civic-minded and committed leaders in their chosen fields. The following is a list of the required curricula for the Single Subject Credential Program, which meets all of California’s 2042 credentialing requirements:

- **EDU 555XB** First and Second Language Development and Structure for the Classroom Teacher (3 CEU units)
- **EDUC 581C** Multicultural and Philosophical Foundations of Education (3 CEU units)
- **EDUC 582** Psychological Foundations of Education in a Diverse Society (3 CEU units)
- **EDUC 532P** Curriculum and Methods of Teaching in Secondary Schools (3 CEU units)
- **EDUC 534P** Methods of Teaching Reading in Secondary Schools (3 CEU units)
- **EDUC 584C** Methods of Teaching English Language and Academic Development (3 CEU units)
- **EDSP 589** Healthy Environments and Inclusive Education (3 CEU units)
- **EDUC 591** Single Subject Student Teaching with Seminar (9 CEU units)

This course meets the California requirement that all teachers know methods of teaching reading.

Admission Requirements

While applicants are evaluated based on a holistic method, the successful candidate for the program will demonstrate his or her candidacy in the following manner:

- Completed USD application, which can be submitted online at www.sandiego.edu/admissions/graduate/application.php.
- College or university transcripts. Applicants must submit one official sealed transcript from every college or university attended. It is highly recommended that applicants order an additional set of official transcripts.
- Three professional letters of recommendation from a current supervisor or a professor attesting to both academic and personal skills and, if possible, to teaching abilities. Please do not submit personal recommendations.
- Statement of purpose. Each candidate must submit a statement explaining reasons for seeking the credential and how their application addresses the requirements of teaching in working with children or adolescents in school or non-school settings.

Financial Aid

Students may be eligible to apply for additional scholarships and financial aid through SOLES. To learn more about the opportunities available, please visit www.sandiego.edu/soles/financialaid.