

WHITTIER COLLEGE

Department of Education & Child Development

Application for Admission Teacher Credential Program



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
TEACHER CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

Please complete all information below and return application materials with the non-refundable \$60.00 application fee (make check payable to Whittier College) to:

Department of Education and Child Development
Teacher Credential Program Admission
Whittier College, P.O. Box 634, Whittier, CA 90608
Phone: (562) 907-4248 Fax (562) 464-4596

Please indicate the semester you plan to begin the program:

FALL SEMESTER _____ **SPRING SEMESTER** _____ **SUMMER** _____
Year Year Year

- Preparing for Multiple Subject Credential (Elementary)
- Preparing for Single Subject Credential (Secondary) Subject Area _____
- Preparing for Education Specialist Credential

PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print or type clearly)

Whittier College does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, and national or ethnic origin

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female _____
Last Name First Name MI

_____/_____/_____
Former Last Name Date of Birth Social Security Number

Home Address Street City State Zip

Mailing Address Street City State Zip

Phone _____ (day) _____ (evening) _____ (other)

E-Mail Address _____

Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes ___ No ___

Select one or more of the following races:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Was your home language other than English? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, what was your home language _____

EDUCATION/TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

The Teacher Credential Program is intended for those who have earned a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university and for undergraduate students who are planning for a teaching career.

Please complete below and attach copies of transcripts from all institutions attended with your application.

Institution from which you received your Bachelor’s Degree:

Institution	Major	Degree	Dates Attended
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Other Institutions attended: (most recent first)

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CRITERIA USED IN SELECTING TEACHER CREDENTIAL CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

1. Passing score on CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test)
2. Completion of Subject Matter Preparation *
3. GPA (minimum of a 2.8 in your last 60 graded units)
4. Evidence of success or potential success in working with children/students in culturally diverse communities as documented by a. letters of reference b. personal statements c. interview with faculty member

*Preference will be given to applicants who have completed subject matter requirements and have passed the applicable tests at the time of application.

SELECTION PROCESS

Departmental faculty will review all applications. Applicants who meet initial screening criteria will be invited for interviews with departmental faculty. Applicants will be contacted to set up an appointment for their interview.

CBEST SCORE (Copy of Original with scores)

- I have taken and passed the CBEST and a copy of the results is attached.
- I plan to take the CBEST on _____ (date) and I will forward the results to the Department of Education and Child Development upon receipt.

International Students – all students whose baccalaureate work was completed at an institution where a language other than English was the dominant language of institution must submit acceptable TOEFL scores.

SUBJECT MATTER PREPARATION

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing establishes subject matter preparation requirements. Priority admittance will be given to students who have completed all subject matter requirements and who meet all other requirements for admission to the program. Students should contact the Whittier College Credential Analyst, Catherine George, at (562) 907-4248, in order to receive advisement and verification of subject matter requirements. Please indicate how you have met or plan to meet the subject matter requirement.

Multiple Subject Credential/Educational Specialist (Elementary)

- I have passed the California Subject Examination for Teachers, (CSET)
Date passed _____
- I plan to take the California Subject Examination for Teachers, (CSET)
Date to be taken _____

Single Subject Credential/Educational Specialist (Secondary)

- I have passed the appropriate subject matter tests for the credential I am working on.
Subject area: _____
Tests passed: _____ Dates passed _____ Please provide copies.
- I plan to take the appropriate subject matter tests for the credential I am working on.
CSET or SSAT/Praxis tests to be taken _____
Date(s) to be taken _____ Subject area _____
- I have completed an approved Single Subject matter preparation program at Whittier College which has been verified by the Credential Analyst.
- I will complete an approved Single Subject matter preparation program at Whittier College by _____.
- I have completed an approved Single Subject matter preparation from another college/university. I can provide Whittier College with an official waiver letter.
Subject area: _____ College/University _____

RECORD OF PREVIOUS EDUCATION COURSE WORK (IF ANY)

If you have completed any education coursework, attach a sheet identifying the classes you have completed, the name(s) of the institution (s), dates attended, and grades received. (Include transcripts for these courses as well as all other college coursework). Previous education coursework is not a requirement for admission to the Teacher Credential Program.

STUDENT TEACHING

In order to be supervised during student teaching, credential candidates need to teach in districts within the Whittier College service area. Please consult the department for a list of districts.

EMPLOYMENT/EXPERIENCE HISTORY

Teaching or other employment in schools or school districts. (Most recent first)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates: From To</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Other employment in the last 5 years. Include experiences related to working with children/education/teaching:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates: From To</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

On separate sheet(s) please submit a statement of purpose that includes a description of 1) your goals and commitments to teaching; (2) your qualifications for teaching; and (3) your reasons for seeking admission to the Whittier College Teacher Credential Program.

REFERENCES

Please submit with your application 2-4 letters of reference in sealed envelopes with the signature of the author across the envelope flap. Letters should be from individuals who can attest to your probability of success as a classroom teacher and/or your promise of success in advanced academic studies. If you are currently employed as a teacher, at least one letter must come from a supervisor who can comment on your teaching performance.

PROCEDURES

Mail completed application materials to the Department of Education and Child Development, Teacher Credential Program Admission, Whittier College, P.O. Box 634, Whittier, CA 90608, or submit in person. Questions can be answered at the Department of Education and Child Development (562) 907-4248. Applicants will be notified regarding admission status as soon as possible after the closing date for applications.

***Remember to include with your application the following: \$60.00 application fee, all transcripts, statement of purpose, copies of CBEST scores, Subject Matter Tests, and 2-4 letters of recommendation.**

Signature _____

Date _____