The Navigator
Establishing a Road Map to the Teaching Credential

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Welcome to the Fall 2016 semester, future teachers!

This issue of The Navigator focuses on developing yourself as a future teacher! On this page you will learn how to make the most out of your resources and important credential overview dates.

Turn to page 3 to learn about the importance of a mentor and tutoring opportunities and enjoy a message from our Director, Aimee Nelson.

On pages 4 & 5 learn about two opportunities that will get you involved as a future educator.

On the final page there are important dates for those graduating and interested in the credential programs.

We hope you can use this information to plan a successful semester!

Making the Most of the CCT Services

At the Center for Careers in Teaching (CCT) our mission is to advise undergraduates and help them prepare most efficiently for our credential programs. To make the most of our services, we recommend the following sequence of steps:

Visit the Center for Careers in Teaching: Here you can experience first-hand what our center has to offer you by utilizing our resources, interacting with other future teachers, and gaining general information pertinent to all students.

Meet with the Education Career Specialist: You need to obtain information about the different employment opportunities, creating a solid resume, and developing yourself as a professional. These are just a few services the Career Specialist provides.

Come in for a personal academic planning consultation: Bring your Titan Degree Audit and all advisement sheets from sessions with major advisors. The CCT can help create an academic plan that incorporates both your major needs and the requirements to ensure your success on the teacher pathway.

Check out our CBEST & CSET books: Come to the Center to check out a book. We offer a free, two-week checkout period for all materials (time can be extended upon request and as book availability permits). We have CBEST prep books and CSET prep books in all subject areas.

Credential Overviews

Multiple Subject (Elementary)
Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2016
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: PLN-403 (Pollak Library North)

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2016
Time: 10am – 12pm
Location: PLN-403 (Pollak Library North)

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Location: PLN-403 (Pollak Library North)

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2016
Time: 10am – 12pm
Location: PLN-403 (Pollak Library North)

Single Subject (Middle/High School)
Date: Friday, September 9, 2016
Time: 3pm – 5pm
Location: CP-560 (College Park)

Special Education
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Location: CP-560 (College Park)
MESSAGE
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy Fall Future Teachers!

Welcome back Titans! I hope you had a thoroughly enjoyable summer and caught up on sleep, fun and time with friends and family. A special welcome to our new Titans! We understand students go through many transitions during college, so please remember us as you adjust to your new campus. We look forward to serving all of our future teachers this year and have some exciting resources to share that will help you “Develop Yourself as a Future Teacher.”

Are you preparing to take the CBEST and/or CSET exams this year? The Center has a collection of CBEST and CSET test prep books you may now check out for two-week periods. Please visit us in EC-379 to learn more.

Would you like to be more involved on campus? The Student California Teachers Association (SCTA) is a pre-professional organization for future teachers just like you. Connecting to this organization gives you access to the California Teachers Association (the teachers union) and the National Education Association-two professional organizations for teachers. Access to these resources opens doors to professional networks, mentors and job opportunities.

Finally, please remember that the Center for Careers in Teaching is always available to assist you as you prepare to become a teacher. Please don’t hesitate to drop in for a quick question, make an appointment with one of our amazing advisors, or attend one of our events.

Have an amazing fall semester!

Aimee Nelson
Director, Center for Careers in Teaching

Mentors—Who are they and Why would you need them?

Tiana Smith

The transition to any university is a challenging life situation for college students, as it involves many changes. Students have to organize their own learning, manage their new study and social schedules, build new social networks and friendships, and adjust to the requirements of university styles of learning and teaching. Feeling supported and having deep learning experiences during college means everything when it comes to long-term outcomes after college. Unfortunately, not many college students receive a key element of that support while in college: having a mentor. It is important for you as an incoming future teacher to make sure you find the mentor right for you. Students who have a mentor during their time in college are more likely to achieve a higher GPA than students without a mentor. Having a mentor who encourages you to pursue your goals and dreams can make the difference between you meeting your career goal and leaving school. When college becomes too stressful and it seems that you are alone, mentors are there to help guide you and support you. Having a mentor isn’t just about academic support; a good mentor is someone who will help you emotionally and professionally. By finding a mentor, you will be able to make connections and find opportunities you normally wouldn’t by yourself. It is always important to remember where you went to college matters less to your work life and well-being after graduation than how you went to college and who was there to support you.

CBEST & CSET Test Prep

Student support and exam preparation tutoring program

If you need help preparing for the CSET and/or CBEST exams please email Cindy Davis for information or to schedule an appointment for tutoring.

CBEST and CSET Tutoring for Students

Tutoring Location: EC-303

By appointment or email Cindy Davis @ cda-vis@fullerton.edu for tutoring sessions.
Don’t just attend college, experience college by getting involved!

SCTA allows students interested in becoming teachers to get involved, network, and gain professional and personal development. Student California Teachers Association is a pre-professional organization for college students in California who are pursuing careers in education. Our mission is “to offer the tools necessary to foster interest in the education profession, as well as provide pre-professionals information about their rights, responsibilities, and support systems necessary to become a committed part of the education profession.” — SCTA Constitution

Interested in Joining SCTA? Learn more here:

This comprehensive program provides personal/professional development, mentorship, and academic support for the purpose of recruiting and retaining Black and Latino male future teachers. The program was developed to support Black and Latino undergraduate male students that aspire to become TK-12 teachers. We hope to prepare students for long term professional success, while working to close the long-existing opportunity gap for students of color. Student engagement opportunities include: mentorship, networking events, TK-12 classroom observations, CBEST/CSET and development workshops, and career enhancement.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact:

Alisia Kirkwood: akirkwood@fullerton.edu or visit her office; EC - 377
Upcoming Deadlines

Graduation Deadline!!!

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deadlines for all credential programs

Single Subject
Spring 2017: Application due September 15th

Multiple Subject
Spring 2017: Application due September 30th

Special Education
Spring 2017: Application due November 15th

Remember there are two parts to the Spring application. First you must apply through www.csumentor.edu to CSUF as a Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate student. Next you need to apply directly to the Credential program, include proof of CSUF application with your paperwork.

There are mandatory overviews you must attend before you submit your credential application. The overviews provide a detailed explanation of all requirements that must be met in order to apply to specific credential programs. Refer to page 2 for future overview dates.

For more information contact the advisor specific to your credential interests:

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Education Week 2016 coming November 14-16, 2016. Details coming soon!