April 8, 2020

Dear Prospective Candidate,

The deadline to apply to the UC Merced Extension Teacher Preparation Program has been extended to May 15, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the impact it has had on daily life.

Those who have not completed the CBEST due to testing center closures can be provisionally admitted. The following are different ways you can satisfy the CBEST requirement:

**California Basic Skills Test (CBEST)**

- You can complete **one** of the following options to complete the Basic Skills Test Requirement:
  - **Passage of CBEST**
  - Passage of basic skills examination from another state
  - Passage of CSET 142 (this option is for multiple subject candidates only)
  - Passing scores set for SAT exam
    - 500 for English and 550 for Math
  - Passing scores set for ACT exam
    - 22 for English and 23 for Math
  - A 3 or above in an approved AP English and AP Math exam
    - English language and Composition OR English Literature and Composition
    - Calculus AB, Calculus BC, or Statistics

Parts of different options may not be combined to meet the Basic Skills Requirement. If you are completing CBEST through SAT, ACT, or AP, you must provide the official College Board score report to verify completion of the Basic Skills Requirement.

**Provisional Admission**

Potential Candidates who have not been able to take a CBEST and/or CSET test, will be considered for **provisional admission**. Both tests will need to be successfully completed and passed by December 31, 2020 for a provisionally admitted candidate to continue in the program for Spring Semester, 2021. As a provisional admit candidate you will be enrolled on a **part-time basis** in the Fall, by enrolling in EDUC X301 Foundations of Education and EDUC X401 Learning Cognition and Instruction.
If a provisionally admitted candidate is unable to pass the CBEST *and* CSET test by December 31, 2020 they will have the option to take leave for Spring Semester 2021 or terminate their enrollment in the program. Candidates who take leave in Spring 2021 must successfully complete and pass the tests by May 1, 2021, or they will be dismissed from the program in good standing, with the option to re-apply when both requirements have been met.

Taking a leave during this program can affect financial aid. The following is one way: if you are on an in-school deferment for repaying your undergraduate loan(s), you may have to start paying these again during this time off.

The Teacher Preparation Program is committed to supporting teacher candidates by developing culturally responsive teachers that are committed to empowering their students. We are aligned with the vision of the University of California, Merced—upholding 21st century priorities for interdisciplinary learning and public service. Our program is focused on building a positive learning environment and providing regular access to advising from instructors and staff.

We look forward to working with you as you pursue your goal to be a teacher.

Sincerely,

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