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Dear Prospective Candidate,

The deadline to apply for the UC Merced Extension Teacher Preparation Program has been extended until October 31, 2020, 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 admitted to UC Merced Extension Teacher Preparation Program. Our program can give you a deferral for up to one year. Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order (EO) and deferred all required teacher preparation program assessments until August 31, 2021. Here is the EO for your review, [click here](#).

What are other ways to satisfy the California Basic Skills Test (CBEST) requirement?

- 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.

What if I have taken the CBEST and haven't passed?

If you have taken the CBEST and didn't pass, this deferral **cannot** be granted.



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The Commission considers attempting all three subtests of the CBEST in reading, writing, and mathematics as having “taken” the exam. If an individual attempted all three examination subtests, but did not meet the Basic Skills Requirement, they are not eligible for this deferral.

What if I attempted one or two subtests but unable to finish the remaining subtest(s), can I still apply?

Individuals who have only attempted one or two subtests of the CBEST examination but were unable to attempt the remaining subtest(s), can request that the examination be deferred.

Can I apply for Financial Aid?

Yes, Financial Aid is available for candidates in the Teacher Preparation Program. Please complete and submit a 2020/2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) so that your financial aid eligibility may be determined. When completing the FAFSA, please select 5th Year/Other Undergraduate for College Grade Level. UC Merced’s FAFSA School Code is 041271. Financial Aid documents must be completed in a timely manner or there may be delays receiving any award. The Financial Aid awards have taken up to 5 weeks once all documents are submitted.

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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