

# UC MERCED EXTENSION EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

### Early Completion Intern Option (ECO)

#### **For Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials**

The Early Completion Option (ECO) is intended to provide individuals who have requisite skills and knowledge an opportunity to challenge the coursework portion of a Multiple or Single Subject Intern Program. In lieu of coursework, candidates must demonstrate pedagogical skills through a performance assessment while in a Commission-approved intern program.

To be eligible for enrollment in the Early Completion Program, candidates must meet all the following criteria:

#### **Early Completion Option Program Prerequisites**

1. Admitted and Enrolled in the UC Merced Intern Credential Program
2. Pass the National Evaluation Series (NES) Assessment of Professional Knowledge (APK):
  - Elementary (Test code 051) for Multiple Subjects candidates or
  - Secondary (Test code 052) for Single Subject candidates

Note:

- The commission adopted the national benchmark passing score (a scaled score of 220) for both of the NES assessments (APK 051 and APK 052).
- Examination scores on the NES APK assessments have a five-year period of validity to be used towards a credential within that time frame.

An intern who chooses the early completion option but is not successful in passing the assessment may complete their full internship program (Reference: Education Code Section 44468).

*Exemption from Student Teaching under the Scott Bill Program: Students who have taught successfully for three years in an accredited private school do not need to complete the student teaching semester as per the provisions in AB 57 Scott Bill. Once the student has completed all program courses and tests, the student may submit the application for the preliminary credential. The principal must submit documentation to verify successful experience. Consult the Commission on Teacher Credential for more details on this option.*

3. Please provide an essay of your professional attributes of why you should be considered for the Early Completion Option.

4. If you are transferring .....

4. Meet with Mayra Franco and Dr. Marianna Harris to review the remaining requirements and sign an ECO Advisement Form. All remaining requirements must be met within the academic year.

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**Early Completion Option Program Requirements**

1. Pass CalTPA Cycle1 1 by the end of the first semester in the program and CAL TPA Cycle 2 by the end of UC Merced's second semester.
  2. Pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA), if applicable. *RICA is required for Multiple Subjects Credential candidates only.*
  3. Complete a foundational computer technology course work that includes general and specialized skills in the use of computers in educational settings.
  4. Pass all terms of Supervision required. *All interns are required to receive support and Supervision while working on an intern credential. Support and Supervision are required until the candidate is eligible to apply for their preliminary credential.*  
EDUCX 304 Intern Support Course and EDUCX 306 (a-d) Intern Seminar course.
  5. Maintain required Support Logs until eligible to apply for the preliminary credential. Interns are required to log a minimum of five hours of support weekly, including general support and support for English Learners. *All interns are required to receive support and Supervision while working on an intern credential. Support and Supervision are required until the candidate is eligible to apply for their preliminary credential.*
  6. Possess a valid Adult, Child & Infant CPR Certification that meets the guidelines of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association at the time of processing the Preliminary Credential.
  7. Completion of a course (two-semester units or three-quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution, or passage of an examination in the subject given by a regionally accredited college or university.
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**Student Program Agreement,**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that if I do not pass the CAL TPA Cycle I & 2 on my first attempt, in addition, enroll in the foundational computer technology course the first semester in the program and I will need to meet all internship eligibility requirements and take all UC Merced Teacher Preparation Program coursework as outlined by the Commission on Teacher Credential.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Credential Program Director

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Date

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Credential Analyst

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Date