

Program Expectations

- APU School of Education candidates prepare to work in schools as educators, including teachers, school and district leaders, school counselors and psychologists, and other specialty personnel. They must demonstrate the content, pedagogy, and writing skills and dispositions required of the profession. Therefore, the School of Education assesses candidates from admission through recommendation of credentials in both academic and dispositional standards.
- Candidates are expected to maintain a high level of professional and ethical behavior throughout the program. Failure to do so may result in discipline up to and including program dismissal.
- All candidates must have access to technology (i.e., computer and internet connectivity). Additional technology requirements are necessary for some programs. Check the program descriptions in this catalog for more information.
- Candidates who live in, work at, or relocate to a location more than 50 miles from the nearest Azusa campus (including regional campuses) must receive approval from the department to participate in fieldwork and/or clinical experience at a distance and will be assessed charges to cover the costs (travel, lodging, etc.) for fieldwork and/or clinical experience supervision.
- All credential standards and requirements for special education and teacher education are subject to CTC, NCATE (transitioning to CAEP), and federal policy changes, as well as graduate education policy, and these supersede catalog descriptions of prior programs and requirements.
- Candidates participating in credential programs or master's or education specialist degree programs with credential embedded must be covered by professional liability insurance in their capacity as credential candidates.
- Candidates participating in fieldwork and/or clinical experience must have proof of auto insurance.

Certificate of Clearance

Azusa Pacific University requires candidates who are admitted to any program within the School of Education, or to credential programs housed within other schools in the university, to have and maintain a Certificate of Clearance or a valid and current credential for teaching, administration, counseling, school psychology, or nursing from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Candidates who allow their Certificate of Clearance or other clearance document from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to expire will be prevented from enrolling in future terms. For more information, contact the Office of Credentials (<http://www.apu.edu/education/resources/credentials/>) at soecredentials@apu.edu or (626) 815-5346.

Assessment System (Taskstream by Watermark™)

The School of Education uses Taskstream by Watermark™ to support the collection and analysis of student outcomes in all degree and credential programs. Taskstream offers candidates a personalized space to submit signature assignments and other documentation of performance as they progress through their program.

All School of Education degree, credential, and nondegree candidates are required to have a Taskstream account and maintain their subscription throughout their time of enrollment in the School of Education. Candidates are required to submit particular assignments and other forms in Taskstream by the deadline specified in the course syllabus. Successful evaluation of necessary submissions is required for degree completion and/or recommendation for a credential to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure access to an active Taskstream account, enroll in the correct Directed Response Folio(s), and submit assignments to the correct evaluator.

At the start of a candidate's first term in the School of Education, a Taskstream key code and instructions on how to create a Taskstream subscription will be provided by email. All Taskstream-related inquiries may be sent to soetaskstream@apu.edu.

Office of Credentials

The Office of Credentials (<http://www.apu.edu/education/resources/credentials/>) provides a centralized location in which prospective and current School of Education candidates, faculty, staff, and the community can receive accurate, comprehensive, and complete information and advisement regarding the requirements involved in obtaining California credentials and certificates authorizing service in California schools. It is the candidate's responsibility to submit a credential application through the Office of Credentials upon completion of a credential program in order to receive their California educator's credential. The Office of Credentials also provides credential-related services to subject-matter preparation programs and credential programs offered through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://www.apu.edu/clas/>), the College of the Arts (<https://www.apu.edu/arts/>), the School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences (<https://www.apu.edu/bas/>), the School of Nursing (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/>), and University Libraries (<https://www.apu.edu/library/>). For more information, call (626) 815-5346 or email soecredentials@apu.edu.