

# Elementary and Secondary Education

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The Elementary and Secondary Education area of the Division of Teacher Education offers a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies to prepare undergraduate students seeking careers as elementary school teachers with the breadth of content knowledge needed to teach in an elementary setting. The area also offers master's degree and credential programs for candidates seeking a California Preliminary Teaching Credential authorizing them to teach in a public elementary, middle, or high school setting. APU's Multiple Subject Teaching Credential programs prepare teachers for positions at the elementary level, providing a breadth of knowledge over the TK-8 continuum for self-contained classrooms. The Single Subject Teaching Credential programs prepare teachers for positions at the middle and high school levels (6-12), with focus in their specific subject area. The area assesses all candidates at admission, throughout their program, and up to the recommendation of credentials. Assessments are used to evaluate and inform candidate learning and include the following assessment areas: California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) (<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/>) teacher performance expectations, APU program learning outcomes, and teacher candidate dispositions.