You’ve always wanted to teach elementary school ...  

What’s the fastest way to reach your goal?

BPEP!

The Bachelor’s Plus Early Pathway program at CSU East Bay

A two-year program that allows you to earn your teaching credential while completing your Bachelor’s degree in Liberal Studies

What do I need to apply?

- Willingness to work at an accelerated pace
- Admission to CSU East Bay as a Liberal Studies major
- Junior standing
- A GPA of 2.9
- A completed application including two letters of recommendation and a statement of purpose
- Verification of prior experience in an elementary school classroom*

Courses you should have completed by your junior year:

- ART 1020 The Creative Process (4)
- BIOL 1000 Basic Concepts in Biology (5)
- CHEM 1100 Introduction to College Chemistry (5)
- One of the following:
  - ENGL 2030 Introduction to Writing on Fiction (4)
  - ENGL 2040 Introduction to Writing on Poetry (4)
  - ENGL 2050 Introduction to Writing on Drama (4)
- GEOG 2300 Cultural Geography (4)
- GEOL 1000 Earth Systems Science (5)
- HIST 1014 World Civilizations I (4)
- HIST 1015 World Civilizations II (4)
- HSC 1100 Health: Maintenance of Wellness (4)
- MATH 2011 Number Systems (4)
- PHYS 1700 Elementary Physics (4)
- PHYS 1780 Elementary Physics Lab (1)
- SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology (4)
- TED 3001 Exploring Education (3)

... Or their community college equivalents. See assist.org (under CSU East Bay, Liberal Studies, Teacher Preparation) for details.

*The CSUEB Credential program requires you to complete 45 hours in an organized non-faith-based setting with elementary school children. At least 15 of those hours must be in a public school classroom with children the age you wish to teach. Courses that are equivalent to CSUEB’s TED 3001 may be counted towards your experience. We encourage you to complete those hours before you start the BPEP program.
Interested??

Contact Prof. Thompson, Director of Liberal Studies
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We look forward to your application!

Typical BPEP schedule

Summer/ Fall of your Junior year:
- Take the CBEST
- Complete your classroom hours

Fall of your Junior year:
- Begin upper-division Liberal Studies course work
- Attend Credential Orientation workshop

Winter of your Junior year:
- Continue Liberal Studies major requirements
- Complete University upper-division GE requirements
- Take the CSET
- Apply to the Credential program

Spring of your Junior year:
- Complete Liberal Studies major requirements

Summer to Spring of your Senior year:
- Complete the year-long credential program

Graduate in June with a BA and Teaching Credential!

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I work while doing the BPEP program?
BPEP is a demanding, high-unit program. Because students take 20-24 units per quarter, outside employment is not recommended.

What if I haven’t completed all the classes listed on assist.org?
Apply anyway. It’s best if you have met your lower-division requirements before you enter BPEP, but most students will have a few lower-division courses to complete. You can fit them into your course work in your junior and senior years.

Where do I get an application?
For the latest version of the application, email Prof. Thompson at nancy.thompson@csueastbay.edu

What’s the deadline?
The deadline is September 13, but it’s best to apply by mid-May. Fall classes start filling up in Spring, but we can save you a seat if we know you are coming.