The Profession of Elementary School Teaching

Teaching at elementary schools not only requires one to be a well-rounded educated person, but also provides incredible fun in daily work from watching our next generation youngsters grow right in front of your eyes, and feeling the immediate impact of your own education, your persona, your dedication and devotion, and your talented and hard work. This profession shapes the direction of the future of our nation and the whole world.

The BPEP Program at CSUEB

California State University, East Bay offers the BPEP (BACHELOR’S PLUS EARLY PATHWAY) Program through the collaboration of the Liberal Studies Program (for the B.A. degree in Liberal Studies with Teacher Preparation Option) and the Teacher Education Department (for the Multiple Subject Credential for K-6 teaching).

Qualified upper division transfer students from community colleges with complete their B.A. and the Teaching Credential at the same time within TWO years. They are expected to enroll in 20-24 units each quarter, and reserved seats are provided for the required courses each quarter.

If you want to become a teacher soon, and if you are prepared for the challenge, this program is for YOU!

Application for BPEP

The following are required for admission to the BPEP program:

1. Admission to CSUEB with Junior standing.
2. A GPA of 2.90 or higher.
3. Verification of 50 hours or more prior K-6 teaching experience in elementary schools, 15 hours of which must be in a public school.
4. Willingness to take 20-24 units each quarter.
5. Submission of the following application documents:
   a) Completed and signed BPEP application form
   b) A brief Personal Statement essay explaining: 1) why you want to work as an elementary school teacher, and 2) how your past experience helped to prepare you for teaching
   c) Completed and signed verification form for prior teaching experience
   d) Two letters of recommendation from professionals who have knowledge of your qualities as a teacher
   e) All prior college transcripts (unofficial is fine) for review of your completion of the lower division courses.

CSUEB Application & Transfer Requirements

Application: Submit your application online via CSU Mentor at www.csumentor.edu by the required deadline www.csueastbay.edu/deadlines .

CSUEB Transfer Requirements:
60 college semester units, with four courses in Oral and Written English, Critical Thinking, and Math respectively; OR a Transfer Associate degree.

BPEP Lower Division Courses

While at the community college, you should plan to take the follow 12 courses to meet the program’s lower division requirements:

- ART1020 The Creative Process (4)
- BIOL 1000 Basic. Biol. (5)
- ENGL 2030 Intro to Writing on Fiction (4) or ENGL 2040, or 2050
- CHEM 1100 Intro to Col. Chemistry (5)
- GEOG 2300 Cultural Geography (4)
- GEOI 1000 Earth Systems Science (5)
- HIST 1014 World Civilization I (4)
- MATH 2011 Number Systems (4)
- HIST 1015 World Civilization II (4)
- PHYS 1780 Elementary Physics (4)
- HSC 1100 Health: Maintenance of Wellness (4)
- PHYS 1780 Elementary Physics Lab (1)