

Why teach?

Have you ever considered full or part-time teaching as a career? Berkeley City College (BCC) offers several education classes designed to help you decide. You can explore careers which allow you to teach full time or you may choose to work in your chosen profession and teach part time. There are many options. This brochure provides you with basic information about teaching career paths and how BCC can help you explore them.

Why should I consider teaching as a career?

More than 200,000 teaching jobs will open in the U.S. by 2016, creating a need for knowledgeable, skilled, and committed educators who are professionals in their fields and in vocational areas. Demand will grow as elementary, middle and high school teachers retire. Instructors’ jobs at adult schools, community colleges and universities also will increase.

How can I decide if teaching is for me?

Berkeley City College’s education classes include an internship option. You can volunteer in local elementary, middle and high schools, or for nonprofit organizations which offer after-school tutoring programs. These will help you to see if you feel comfortable teaching others.

You may also wish to teach part time in your chosen occupation and at an adult school, community college or university.

What education classes does Berkeley City College offer?

Berkeley City College offers two basic but essential education classes for people who have an interest in teaching. They are:

- **Education 1:** Introduction to the Field of Education and
- **Education 97:** Field Studies in Education (School or Community Internship)

- *Education 1* presents important information you should know about how schools, teachers, students and families interact together in public education. It allows you to study the role of race, ethnicity, gender, class and economics and how they effect approaches to education. The course is equivalent to Teacher Education 1500 offered at California State University, East Bay.
- *Education 97* allows you to practice what you learn in Education 1, then present and discuss your findings with classmates and your instructor. It is best to enroll in both classes at the same time so that you can apply to your internship what you learn in class.

What types of degrees and credentials do I need to qualify for a teaching job?

Education and professional requirements differ, depending on which teaching level you choose. You must earn at least a bachelor’s degree and the appropriate credentials to enter the profession. To advance in your career or teach at a community college, at least a master’s degree is necessary.

There are three basic California credentials for teaching kindergarten through 12th grade:

- **Multiple Subject Credential** (Primarily for Elementary School Teachers)
- **Single Subject Credential** (Primarily for Middle or High School Teachers)
- **Education Specialist Credential** (For Special Education Teachers)

Must I pass an exam to earn my teaching credential?

Yes. You must complete a set of credential-specific classes, then pass a state examination. Exam requirements differ for each type of credential. The chart in this brochure shows California’s exam requirements for teachers.

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I Want to Teach	Necessary College Degrees and Experience	Professional Tests	Other Needed Preparation
Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish Your Bachelor’s Degree• Participate in Education Internships• Fulfill Second Language Requirement	CBEST CSET	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish a Multiple Subject Credential Program• Pass the RICA Exam• Fulfill U.S. Constitution Requirement
Middle School and High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major in Subject You Plan to Teach Or• Pass the CSET/SSAT• Participate in Education Internships• Finish Second Language Requirement	CBEST CSET / SSAT If Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish a Single Subject Credential Program• Fulfill U.S. Constitution Requirement
Special Education (Preschool and K-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish Undergraduate Preparation for Elementary or Secondary Credential• Participate in Education Internships	CBEST CSET/CSAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish an Education Specialist Credential Or• Finish a Clinical Rehabilitative Services Credential• Fulfill U.S. Constitution Requirement
Adult Education (Vocational, GED, ESL, Basic Skills)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For GED, ESL and Basic Skills, Earn a Bachelor’s Degree• For Vocational Education, Earn a High School Diploma or Equivalent, Plus Five Years of Work Experience	CBEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish a Designated Subjects Credential• Fulfill U.S. Constitution Requirement
Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Subject You Want to Teach	Check with College Where You Want to Teach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish a Master’s Degree
University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Subject You Want to Teach	Check with University Where You Want to Teach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish a Doctorate Degree (Ph.D. or Ed.D.)

Where can I find information about Berkeley City College’s education classes?

You may talk with a Berkeley City College counselor, who will help you choose the lower division college courses you need to meet your requirements. BCC’s counselors are on the second floor at the college.

Visit: BCC, 2050 Center St., 2nd Floor between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St.

Phone: (510) 981-5036

Online: www.berkeleycitycollege.edu

Where can I find information to help me start my teaching career?

Go to www.calstate.edu/teachered or to www.tntp.org for information about teaching careers.





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*Do You Want to be a Teacher?
Explore Education Classes and University Transfer Programs
at Berkeley City College*



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