Classroom Experience Prerequisite

In order to prepare you for our Teacher Credential program, it is important for you to have some knowledge of California public school classrooms and the teacher’s work in that classroom. We *recommend* that your classroom experience be completed or almost completed at the time you submit your application.

**How do I meet the Classroom Experience requirement?**

To meet this requirement, as a part of your credential application, we ask that you document *at least 30 hours* of classroom experience. Classroom experience should:

- Be in a California Public School classroom(s) or an equivalent (please contact faculty to discuss)*
- Be in grades K-6 for Elementary/Multiple Subject applicants
- Be in a Middle School or High School setting in the subject you wish to teach for Single Subjects applicants
- Be with a group/classroom of students in a classroom setting

**How do I get Classroom Experience?**

- Contact a school district for information on how to volunteer and connect with a teacher with whom to work to gain experience
- Complete the UC Davis Edu 100 Introduction to Schools class
- Complete a MAST class at the appropriate subject/grade level

**How do I document my Classroom Experience?**

- Complete the Classroom Experience form and ask the cooperating teacher or site administrator to sign as verification of your hours.
- For Edu 100 and MAST classes we will require that you complete the Classroom Experience Verification form to document the grade level/subject of your experience but you do not have to have the form signed as your participation in the class will be verified by your transcript

To obtain a copy of the Classroom Experience Verification form visit [http://education.ucdavis.edu/general-information/2-classroom-experience](http://education.ucdavis.edu/general-information/2-classroom-experience)

**In addition** to the documented Classroom Verification form you will also be asked a question about your ‘classroom experience’ on your online admissions application. Please *DO NOT* leave that question blank, your response to this question is required for your application to be considered complete.

*If you believe you have a unique experience outside of the California public school classroom that will meet the requirement, please consult with the faculty advisor for your subject/area so that they may determine if your previous experience meets the requirement. Faculty contact information is listed in the PowerPoint handout.