

Classroom Observation Prerequisite- 2025-2026 Admission Cycle

In order to prepare 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. Your credential application should document **30** hours spent participating with and observing learners. ***We recommend that your classroom observation be completed or almost completed at the time you submit your application.***

How do I meet the Classroom Observation requirement?

To meet this requirement, please document *at least 30 hours* of classroom observation. Classroom observation should:

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

How do I obtain Classroom Observation?

- Contact a school district for information on how to volunteer and connect with a teacher with whom you can observe
- Complete the UC Davis EDU 100 *Introduction to Schools* course or AED 100, or MAST EDU/GEL 181 and EDU/GEL 183 courses at the appropriate subject/grade level
- Complete a course at your university that includes fieldwork at the appropriate subject/grade level

How do I document my Classroom Observation? All Applicants:

- Must answer the question describing relevant observation/experience with learners (found in Section 10 in the online admissions application). ***Do not leave this question blank.***
- Then complete the *Classroom Observation Form* and ask the cooperating teacher or site administrator to sign as verification of your hours. **Signed form (s) must be uploaded to your online application.**

To obtain a copy of the Classroom Observation form visit: <https://education.ucdavis.edu/general-information/2-classroom-experienceobservation>

*If you believe you have a **unique** experience outside of the California public school classroom or if you have substitute teaching experience that may meet this requirement, please provide a description of your experience for faculty review and send to Student Services at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu **before** applying.