CalTeach Physical Sciences and Engineering (CTPSE) helps prepare undergraduates in chemistry, engineering, computer science, and physics for a Secondary (Grades 7-12 Single Subject) Teaching Credential in Chemistry or Physics.

The decision to pursue teaching can be made at any time. The earlier you begin the process, however, the easier it is to complete all teacher education prerequisites before graduation.

In reading through this document, keep the following things in mind. (1) UCSB’s Teacher Education Program begins each June/July. Other teacher education programs admit students summer, fall, and spring. (2) The CTPSE Internship, ED 122, and ED 130/131 help you earn the pre-professional placement hours in a K-12 classroom needed to apply to any teacher education program. (3) Although recommended, you do not need to major in chemistry or physics to pursue a teaching credential in these disciplines. Rather, you need enough coursework to successfully pass the CSET in Chemistry and/or Physics.

Questions about the CTPSE Program? Contact Dr. Sue Johnson at sjohnson@education.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-8091

Questions about how to become a teacher? Contact Katie Tucciarone at katiet@education.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-2036

UCSB TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

(1) Application

Must be received by January 15, 2016 for early admission OR February 15, 2016 for regular admission. Applicants will be invited to a campus interview.

- Electronic Online Application (E-App)
  - Admissions Essays
  - Resume / CV
  - SST Supplemental Application
(2) State Requirements

Must be received by March 2016.
- State Certificate of Clearance Application
- State Subject Matter Test (CSET)
- State Basic Skills Requirement met. Most applicants use the CBEST Exam.

Must be received by June 2016.
- U.S. Constitution Requirement (can take a course or an online exam)
- Bachelors Degree Awarded
- TB Test Clearance
- CPR (Adult, Child, and Infant) Certification
- 45 Hours of Pre-Professional Experience (in total, including initial 30)

(3) Course Requirements

Must be completed by May 2016 or will be assigned to take in Summer 2016.
- Health Education (at UCSB, ED 109 or ED 191 W)