



How to Become a Teacher and Earn a Bachelor's Degree at the Same Time!

The Integrated Studies Bachelor's Degree at Point Loma Nazarene University is an adult degree completion program that allows candidates to take the courses needed to earn their teaching credentials and apply those units toward their undergraduate degree. Therefore, students can earn both the bachelor's degree and the credential(s) at the same time in this program.

SO YOU WANT TO GO INTO TEACHING?

Becoming a teacher in California requires that you earn a teaching credential through an accredited program. While in the PLNU program, you will be prepared to manage a classroom, to teach your chosen subject or grade level effectively, and to fulfill the requirements of credentialing. You will also be mentored as you complete your Clinical Practice experiences. The quality teacher preparation program with PLNU will provide the support you need to accomplish it all.

To teach in an **elementary classroom**, you will need a multiple subjects credential. This credential allows you to teach multiple subjects in one classroom and is typically required in an elementary school setting. **This credential is 37 units within the 120-unit Bachelor's degree.**

To teach a **single subject in a middle or high school**, you will need a single subject credential. This credential authorizes you to teach in a specific subject area of your expertise in a departmentalized classroom typical of middle and high schools. **This credential is 37 units within the 120-unit Bachelor's degree.**

To teach in a **special education classroom**, you will need an education specialist instruction credential. With this credential, you specialize in either Mild/Moderate Disabilities (M/M) or Moderate/Severe Disabilities (M/S). **These credentials are 50-56 units within the 120-unit Bachelor's degree.**

Program Overview

Format: Each class meets from 4:30-9:00 PM, one night per week every 8 weeks.

Location: Mission Valley - San Diego (additional locations TBD)

Completion Time: 3-6 semesters (depending on courses transferred and credentials sought)

Program start dates: Fall, Spring, Summer

Tuition: \$515 per unit (may vary annually)

Earning a Teaching Credential:

1. Possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university (which you'll earn with the completion of this program).
2. Demonstrate knowledge of basic skills. The most common way to do this is by passing the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) prior to applying to the program. The CBEST is a standardized exam that assesses basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills in the English language.
3. Passing the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). This exam evaluates your competency in the subject area(s) that you will be teaching.
4. Complete an accredited credentialing program. While in the program at PLNU, you will be offered support as you fulfill the additional requirements, which include:
 - a. Completing a Developing English Language Skills and Reading course. This focuses on comprehensive reading instruction.
 - b. Passing the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA).
 - c. Passing a course on the U.S. Constitution or an approved exam.
 - d. Completing a computer technology course that will give you skills in using current technology in educational settings.
 - e. Completing a semester of student teaching under the supervision of a Master Teacher and your faculty advisor.

To be admitted into PLNU's Integrated Studies degree completion program, students must have completed at least 60-70 semester hours, from which 33 must be in general education, with a minimum cumulative GPA of at least a 2.75 from an accredited institution. Students must also be the minimum age of 23, OR the minimum age of 21 with an associate's degree.

Need Personalized Help?

If you are not sure which credential would be the right fit for you or you would like to meet with one of our enrollment counselors regarding the admissions process for this program, please contact ISEE@pointloma.edu to schedule an appointment.

To learn more about the program, visit www.pointloma.edu/integratedstudies