About the School of Education
Our mission is to prepare individuals for exemplary service in the various fields of education so that their students may realize their fullest potential in service to God and humanity.

Our goals are to:
- Assist pre-service and in-service educational personnel in building a sound philosophy of education that reflects Christian values and ethical principles.
- Enable the student to implement basic principles of education that reflect sound theories and practices.
- Motivate investigative curiosity and a desire to participate in the advancement of knowledge.
- Help develop skill in educational research.

With our long history in Riverside, the School of Education has granted:
- 1,720 Master of Arts degrees since 1966
- 426 Specialist in Education degrees since 1976
- 215 Doctor of Education degrees since 1982

Credentials Offered
STATE OF CALIFORNIA CREDENTIALS
The preliminary credential to teach in the public schools of California is issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing in Sacramento. La Sierra University’s School of Education teaches the courses, advises, and provides assistance for assembling final documents for submission to the state. Please note you must be in the state of CA to earn CA credentials or teach CA standards where you are in order to receive a CA credential. You must have some placement in the public school system in order to receive CA credentials. We have a full-time Credential Analyst on-site to help you prepare and send your documents.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES
The basic credential for teaching in Seventh-day Adventist church schools is issued through each Union Education Office in the North American Division. Requirements for the credential may be obtained through the Union Education office for the region in which you reside. For more information, see the NAD website at nadeducation.adventist.org.

The La Sierra Advantage
- Small class size offers more personal help from Instructors.
- Classes meet conveniently at 4:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. to accommodate full time work schedules.
- Caring Christian instructors are highly qualified professionals who blend theory with practical advice from real-life experience.
- Three courses can be completed within intensive 2-week summer sessions.
- All courses are available online.
- Credentials can be completed in one year

www.lasierra.edu/teach
**Steps to Your Teaching Credentials**

**Step 1**
Apply to the university and get accepted.
Get an advisor in Curriculum and Instruction: See Department Secretary.

**Step 2**
**CALIFORNIA STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**
- HPSC 274 American Government 4
- HLSC 214 Dimensions of Health 4
- EDOF 305 Psychological Foundations of Education 4
- EDCI 204 Teaching in the Multicultural Class 3
- EDCI 413 Technology in Education 3

**Step 3**
**ACCEPTANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION**
- CBEST Passed
- Certificate of Clearance approved
- All California Statutory courses completed (step 2)
- TB test results
- GPA 2.75 (if below 2.75 must pass CSET prior to acceptance)
- Fill out and turn in the Teacher Education Application form for formal acceptance into program to Dept. Secretary

**Step 4**
**PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL PROGRAM COURSES**
- EDCI 498 Teaching Performance Assessment 1
  TPA 1 required for course completion
- EDCI 410 Classroom Management/Lab 3
- EDCI 414 Reading K-B/Lab 5
- EDCI 415 Mathematics K-B/Lab 4
  TPA 2 required for course completion
- EDCI 464 Special Education in the Regular Classroom 3
- EDCI 416 Language and Literacy, Grades K-8 3
  RICA Examination
- EDCI 417C Culture, Society, & Ethics K-12 2
- EDCI 418 Science and Health K-B/Lab 4

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COURSES**
- PSYC 234 Developmental Psychology 4
- EDCI 504 Philosophical Aspects of Christian Education 3
- RELH 483 History of Seventh-day Adventism 4
- EDCI 417A C&I Methods Religion 2
- RELT 245 Christian Beliefs 4
  Any RELB Bible Doctrine Course 4
  One elective in any Religion Course 4

**Step 5**
**PREREQUISITES FOR STUDENT TEACHING**
- Acceptance into Teacher Education
- Professional Courses Completed
- Verification of Subject Matter Approved Subject Matter Program
  CSET score on file (passed)
- Health: CPR results on file
  TB test results
- TPA 1 and 2 (passed)
- Resume
- Autobiographical sketch
- Fill out and turn in the Student Teaching Application form for formal acceptance into program (needs to be in one month prior to starting) to Dept. Secretary

**Step 6**
**STUDENT TEACHING**
- EDCI 425 Student Teaching 14
  TPA 3 & 4 are completed during Student Teaching
  E-Portfolio Presentation made during seminar

*In order to process credential RICA must be passed.*
**See LSU Credentials Analyst to process CA credentials OR the Pacific Union Conference Certification Registrar to process SDA credentials.**

**Financial Aid**
Graduate assistantships and scholarships are available for qualified full-time students. K-12 teachers and administrators who work in nearby public school districts where teachers and interns are placed may receive a 25% tuition discount.
Those employed in some conferences of the Seventh-day Adventist school system may enroll in summer courses at their conference’s expense. For help in obtaining financial aid loans, contact our graduate recruiter at graduate@lasierra.edu.
Apply Online: lasierra.edu/apply