Credential Program Completer Survey Questions
Other Educator

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) seeks feedback about your experience in your educator preparation program, including your thoughts about the admission process, faculty, coursework, field experience(s), advising, and overall professional preparation.

Your input, along with input from other program completers, will help the Commission on Teacher Credentialing understand the degree to which your educator preparation program and other Commission-accredited programs statewide are meeting students' needs and expectations and preparing them for the field.

This information is important for us as it helps us understand the degree to which your educator preparation program and other Commission-accredited programs throughout the state are meeting students' needs and expectations, in addition to how well these programs are preparing educators to serve in the field. This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Your responses are entirely anonymous and confidential.

Informed Consent
Participation in this survey is voluntary but the information is very important to help improve the preparation of educators in California. The Commission will use this information within its quality review processes for accredited preparation programs.

Your decision whether or not to participate in the survey will not affect the processing of your credential application. Every measure will be taken to ensure the confidentiality of your response; the Commission will not use your name or other identifying information when reporting the results.

Thank you for your time and your responses.

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Admission Process

1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not Applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.

    a. My educator preparation program had a clear admission process with explicit application instructions and procedures.
        - Strongly agree
        - Agree
        - Neither agree nor disagree
        - Disagree
        - Strongly disagree
        - Not applicable
        - Unsure

    b. I was provided with sufficient information prior to enrolling in my program about the requirements to complete my educator preparation program.
        - Strongly agree

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

2. Why did you choose your particular educator preparation program? Check all that apply.
   - ☐ Location
   - ☐ Reputation of the institution or organization
   - ☐ Reputation of the specific program
   - ☐ Flexibility of the course schedule
   - ☐ Opportunity to work while going to school
   - ☐ Online course offerings
   - ☐ Tuition/costs of the program
   - ☐ Advisement offered
   - ☐ Direct pathway to professional work
   - ☐ Class size
   - ☐ Opportunity for field experience, practicum, or internship
   - ☐ Program's partnership with a district(s) or school(s)
   - ☐ Quality of faculty
   - ☐ Campus or organizational culture/environment
   - ☐ Diversity of student body
   - ☐ Diversity of faculty
   - ☐ Other
3. How long was your educator preparation program supposed to take to complete?
   - 1 year or less
   - 2 years
   - 3 years
   - 4 years or more
   - Unsure
4. Approximately how long did it take you to complete your educator preparation program?
   - 1 year or less
   - 2 years
   - 3 years
   - 4 years or more
5. Which statement below best describes your current employment situation?
   - I am employed in a position that is connected to the credential that I earned in my educator preparation program.
   - I am employed in a position that is not connected to the credential that I earned in my educator preparation program.
   - I am not employed, but I have received and accepted an employment offer that is connected to the credential that I earned in my educator preparation program.

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- I am not presently employed, and I am actively seeking employment that is connected to the credential that I earned in my educator preparation program.
- I am not presently employed, and I am not actively seeking employment that is connected to the credential that I earned in my educator preparation program.
- Other

Program Faculty

6. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.
    a. My professors/instructors fostered a respectful and inclusive learning environment.
        - Strongly agree
        - Agree
        - Neither agree nor disagree
        - Disagree
        - Strongly disagree
        - Not applicable
        - Unsure
    b. My professors/instructors sought to engage and motivate candidates in their courses.
        - Strongly agree
        - Agree
        - Neither agree nor disagree
        - Disagree
        - Strongly disagree
        - Not applicable
        - Unsure
    c. My professors/instructors effectively communicated course expectations, grading, and information about assignments.
        - Strongly agree
        - Agree
        - Neither agree nor disagree
        - Disagree
        - Strongly disagree
        - Not applicable
        - Unsure
    d. My professors/instructors were knowledgeable about the subjects they were teaching.
        - Strongly agree
        - Agree
        - Neither agree nor disagree
        - Disagree
        - Strongly disagree
        - Not applicable

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- Unsure

e. My professors/instructors were approachable if candidates sought help or had questions about the course or material.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Neither agree nor disagree
   - Disagree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Not applicable
   - Unsure

Coursework

7. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.
   a. My coursework was rigorous and challenging.
      - Strongly agree
      - Agree
      - Neither agree nor disagree
      - Disagree
      - Strongly disagree
      - Not applicable
      - Unsure
   b. My coursework matched my learning goals.
      - Strongly agree
      - Agree
      - Neither agree nor disagree
      - Disagree
      - Strongly disagree
      - Not applicable
      - Unsure
   c. I was able to seek help from my professors/instructors if I was having trouble understanding coursework content.
      - Strongly agree
      - Agree
      - Neither agree nor disagree
      - Disagree
      - Strongly disagree
      - Not applicable
      - Unsure
   d. My coursework provided me with the knowledge and skill I need to be effective in my professional role.

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- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

e. Required courses in my educator preparation program were offered at convenient times for me.
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

f. My coursework content was up-to-date.
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

g. My coursework content was relevant to my professional work or goals.
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

Fieldwork/Field Experiences

For the questions about your educator preparation program that follow, note that "field experience" is broadly defined as any sort of fieldwork, including clinical experience, a practicum, or internship.

8. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.
    a. My educator preparation program was able to connect me to appropriate field experience(s) that allowed me to work more effectively in my professional role.
        - Strongly agree
        - Agree

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- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

b. My field experience(s) helped me practice what I learned in my educator preparation program.
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

c. My field experience was relevant to my coursework.
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

d. While participating in field experience, I was observed by a faculty member, advisor, supervisor, or mentor at least once.
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

e. I wish I'd had more opportunities for field experience while enrolled in my educator preparation program.
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

f. My field experience helped prepare me to be an effective educator.
- Strongly agree
- Agree

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- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

g. My field experience was a positive and helpful component of my educator preparation program.
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

Assessment & Feedback

9. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.
   a. I was given sufficient feedback from professors/instructors about my work, assignments, exams, and/or projects.
      - Strongly agree
      - Agree
      - Neither agree nor disagree
      - Disagree
      - Strongly disagree
      - Not applicable
      - Unsure
   b. The feedback I received from my professors/instructors about my assignments, projects, exams, or other work was provided in a timely manner.
      - Strongly agree
      - Agree
      - Neither agree nor disagree
      - Disagree
      - Strongly disagree
      - Not applicable
      - Unsure
   c. The feedback I received from my professors/instructors about my assignments, projects, exams, and/or other work was constructive and useful.
      - Strongly agree
      - Agree
      - Neither agree nor disagree
      - Disagree

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- Strongly disagree
- Not applicable
- Unsure

d. I was evaluated through formal (e.g. exams, papers) and informal (e.g. participation, collaboration) work.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Neither agree nor disagree
   - Disagree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Not applicable
   - Unsure

Program Guidance and Support

10. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below about your educator preparation program. If the question does not apply to you, please mark "Not applicable." Please check "Unsure" if you are not sure of your agreement level or how to answer.
    a. My educator preparation program provided opportunities to develop the skills and tools I need to be effective in my professional work.
       - Strongly agree
       - Agree
       - Neither agree nor disagree
       - Disagree
       - Strongly disagree
       - Not applicable
       - Unsure

    b. I was provided with adequate information about how to make progress and complete my educator preparation program.
       - Strongly agree
       - Agree
       - Neither agree nor disagree
       - Disagree
       - Strongly disagree
       - Not applicable
       - Unsure

    c. My educator preparation program provided sufficient access to resources to support my learning.
       - Strongly agree
       - Agree
       - Neither agree nor disagree
       - Disagree
       - Strongly disagree
       - Not applicable

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- Unsure

d. My educator preparation program provided the support I needed to learn effectively.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Neither agree nor disagree
   - Disagree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Not applicable
   - Unsure

e. Overall, I felt supported as a candidate in my educator preparation program.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Neither agree nor disagree
   - Disagree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Not applicable
   - Unsure

f. I would recommend my educator preparation program to others.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Neither agree nor disagree
   - Disagree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Not applicable
   - Unsure

Demographics

11. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
    - No, not Hispanic or Latino
    - Yes, Hispanic or Latino
12. What is your race? Check all that apply.
    - ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
    - ☐ Asian Indian
    - ☐ Black or African American
    - ☐ Cambodian
    - ☐ Chinese
    - ☐ Filipino
    - ☐ Guamanian
    - ☐ Hawaiian
    - ☐ Hmong
    - ☐ Japanese
    - ☐ Korean

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- ☐ Laotian
- ☐ Other Asian
- ☐ Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Tahitian
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ White

13. What is your gender identity?
    - o Female
    - o Male
    - o Nonbinary
    - o Decline to state

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