Applying to California Credential Programs Info Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 6-7:00 p.m.

Thinking about applying to credential programs for next year? Some applications are due as soon as December 2! (That's UC Berkeley.) It's time to start thinking about where you want to apply and requesting letters of recommendation well in advance. (Note that generally UC deadlines are much earlier than CSU deadlines.)

Come learn about applying to California credential programs: deadlines, requirements, testing, tips on letters of recommendation, helpful handouts, the CBEST Writing Workshop (Nov 20), and more! (And mmmm free pizza...)

RSVP appreciated to calteach@ucsc.edu or 831-459-2226.

How will this meeting be useful? “Getting a diploma from UCSC is difficult, but it pales in comparison to the bureaucratic hoops one has to jump through while applying to grad school. The Credential Info Night is a great resource to help you bone your hoop-jumping skills.” Zach Shiner, Math ’10, teaching high school math in Chicago this year!

★ Planning to take the CBEST in December or later? Come to the Cal Teach CBEST Writing Preparation Workshop on October 22. Contact Lea Evans for details: lea@ucsc.edu
★ Planning to take the CSET soon? Cal Teach is organizing study groups. Contact Lea if you are interested in this too!
★ UCSC’s Career Center offers fall workshops for job seekers and grad school applicants! See calendar: careers.ucsc.edu
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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- CSUMB: March 1, 2012, 1st priority (final deadline June 10, 2012)
- SJSU: July 15, 2011 (check website for 2012 date later on)

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