

# *SCHOOL OF EDUCATION*

## **Mission Statement**

Point Loma Nazarene University's School of Education offers selected credential and degree programs of academic rigor in an environment of vital Christianity in the Wesleyan tradition. The School's commitment is to prepare thoughtful, culturally sensitive, scholarly professional educators who utilize the latest research and exemplary methods to ensure learning and achievement. The faculty is committed to equip students to become influential moral and ethical leaders in a highly competitive, diverse, and ever-changing society.

## **Career Opportunities**

The professional program courses are sequenced to prepare candidates for success on the California Teacher Performance Assessment and in your teaching career. Throughout the program methodologies based on current practice and research are modeled and reinforced. The practice and application components of the methods courses are easily facilitated because the School of Education is field-based. Candidates are required to be in classrooms for approximately 85 hours of documented and evaluated observation and participation prior to student teaching.

Admission to the University may be considered Level 1 admission to the School of Education. However, it neither implies nor guarantees approval for student teaching (Level 2 admission). If, in the opinion of the School of Education, a student fails to meet acceptable professional and personal standards, the department may disqualify any individual from attempting to complete preparation for a career in education. Students desiring to fulfill the requirements of a credential for public school service are advised to declare their intentions as early as possible in their academic careers. For the Multiple Subject Credential candidate, this decision should be made during the first year of the student's enrollment at the University. The Single Subject Credential candidate should decide no later than the sophomore year. Transfer students should consult with the appropriate departmental advisor immediately.

All prospective teachers should plan their major requirements and those set forth by the School of Education to establish the proper sequence of courses and the fulfillment of all professional requirements. The Credentialing and Educational Placement Office provides a variety of services: transcript evaluation, credential applications, and career services for the student. The credential analyst acts as a liaison between the candidate and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

## **Programs**

- Master of Arts in Education
- Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership (Ed.S.)
- Post-Baccalaureate Teaching and Professional Services Credentials

## Courses