



## MASTER'S IN SCIENCE TEACHING DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM



The Master's in Science Teaching program at CSU, Chico is designed to meet the needs of teachers who are currently teaching, want to become more effective science teachers, and would like to pursue a master's degree on a flexible schedule.

### Mission Statement

Guided by national and state standards as well as "best practices" in science education, the Master's in Science Teaching (MiST) Program seeks to provide experienced K-12 teachers with the opportunity to improve their knowledge and understanding of science content and pedagogy to enhance their professionalism and leadership within a community of lifelong learners.

### Admission & Program Requirements

Admission into the program requires a bachelor's degree (for those seeking a secondary school focus, the degree must be in a science discipline), a minimum of three college science courses, a valid teaching credential, 3.0 GPA in the last 30 semester units of college work, and requirements as described in the university catalog for graduate education.

### Program requirements:

30 units of upper division/graduate level course work, including:

- Three science core courses (9 units)
- Four education courses (12 units)
- Two California Science Project (CSP) professional development summer institutes or similar professional development program (4 units) and CSP follow-ups during the year (2 units).
- Thesis or project (3 units)



### Program Characteristics

During the academic year courses are offered online in addition to a Saturday class taught once a month on the CSU, Chico campus. The structure of the program provides the flexibility of a distance-learning program, plus the benefits of interacting with peers and faculty.

The program can be completed in 2 1/2 - 3 years taking two courses per semester, a project/thesis in the 4th semester, and two summer institutes with follow-ups. The maximum time limit to complete the program is 7 years.

