PACT FAQ

Dear Credential Candidates,

Welcome back for a new semester! According to our records, you may be completing the PACT soon. To that end, we have put together the following short FAQ which answers some of the more common questions about the PACT. Please also visit and bookmark the following web page for guides and information on all parts of the PACT process: http://www.csuchico.edu/soe/pact/

What is the PACT? PACT is...

- A Transformative Assessment – intended to educate the taker, not just evaluate.
- High stakes, completion of a summative assessment of this nature is required at a state level for a credential.
- Evaluated by trained and calibrated (yearly) scorers who are on campus faculty and off campus (qualified in the appropriate field) educators.

How to be successful on the PACT?

- Don’t procrastinate!
- Read the handbook + the RUBRICS (especially study what causes a level 1 vs. higher score). Be thorough and explicit in responding to the rubrics.
- Show your teaching skills. PACT is an opportunity to showcase all of the high level teaching techniques you have learned in the credential program.
- Ask for help if confused.
  - If you have content questions consult faculty and CTs, they are here to help.
  - If you have technical questions contact Roy Dunlap by email, he is always available.

Technical Questions and How to Submit:

- Guides for the entire process for creating and submitting your document and filming and saving your video are available at www.csuchico.edu/soe/pact/
  - Video and document technical questions should be directed to Roy Dunlap, he will provide help if the guides are not enough assistance.
- Your document is uploaded to STEPS (see guides for how to name and save your document).
- Your video is uploaded to BBLearn video server + submitted as CD for our archives (guides are also available for this).

What happens if you don’t pass the PACT on your first attempt?

- While high stakes, it is NOT the end of the world. You will be matched with a trained content area expert who will review your event and scores, then provide guidance on how to improve your teaching style.
• You get 1 resubmission attempt for free within the semester (timeline worked out on an individualized basis through your program coordinator)
  o If that attempt fails, the candidate will need to return the following semester for extended remediation and final attempt (cost to candidate: $460).
• What a “Level 1” in a rubric means: The candidate showed some skill but did not explicitly show the teaching techniques needed to be in charge of a classroom. OR the PACT did not meet performance standards as outlined by the rubrics.
• What a “Level 1” in a rubric does NOT mean: That a candidate is unfit to be a teacher or does not have the skills to become a teacher. While PACT is a high stakes assessment, it is not the only measure of your teaching.
• If you must resubmit, view it as an opportunity to hone your teaching skill and display the techniques you have learned in the credential program in order to meet the passing rubric levels.

If you have any questions or concerns or there is anything we can do to help, please contact your program coordinator, the School of Education office, or Roy Dunlap. We want you to be successful and are here to support you.

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