CLASS History

The CLASS Program is a Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is an accelerated, innovative master’s degree pathway that integrates a teacher residency leading to a CA teacher credential in English, mathematics, science, or special education with a living stipend up to $36,000.

1. 3rd TQP grant awarded to Chico State Enterprises, began in 2019/20
2. Focused on creating strong teachers for rural and high-need educational areas
3. Currently teaching our third Cohort of Residents
Why CLASS?

- Outstanding student support
- Emphasis on collaboration
- Living stipend provided
- Experienced, dedicated mentor teacher & supervisor
- Earn a Master's degree—invest in yourself!
Program Themes

The CLASS Program is dedicated to bringing our Residents the best possible education. We utilize a multi-level approach to provide support, academic and professional development, and diversity to our program.

**SUPPORT**
- Dedicated faculty and staff to answer questions, provide guidance and offer support
- Structured program ensures accountability
- Financial support through monthly living stipend

**DEVELOPMENT**
- Gain a full year of hands-on experience in the classroom with an outstanding mentor teacher and supervisor
- Various professional development workshops to strengthen skills
- Innovative classes with cutting edge technology

**DIVERSITY**
- Emphasis on inclusive and equitable practices
- Support resources for diverse communities
- Diverse learning community and cohort of peers
- Collaboration with high-need, rural partner districts
Master's in Teaching

PROS of MAT

- Invest in yourself— get a higher salary
- Professional leadership opportunities
- Research & communication experience
- Strong cohort of peers

Teaching Credential

PROS of TC

- Make a difference in the community
- Required to teach in CA
- Specialize in your subject area
- Creative, impactful career
Program Overview

1. Teaching Credential & Master's Courses
2. Teaching Residency
3. Professional Development
4. Action Research Project
Requirements

1. Speak to an Advisor
2. Educational Prerequisites
3. Undergraduate degree by 2023
4. 3.0 GPA
5. State Exams
6. CalState Apply
7. Supplemental Application
8. Initial Writing Assessment
ALUMNI

Check out what our successful alumni are doing now and see what they have to say about the CLASS Program.
"The CLASS Program offers an immersive experience into the world of education. The hours are long, but the rewards are great. Teachers who learn in this program enter the teaching world with REAL experience; they have been teaching bell-to-bell for an entire year. This is a huge advantage during their first year as a credentialed teacher." — CLASS Participant
Hiring Breakdown

Where are our graduates now?

- Northern California: 57.1%
- Southern California: 28.6%
- Out-of-State: 14.3%
Diversity Breakdown

Over 40% of our students identify as part of an underrepresented or minority group.
Cohort Model

Explain the cohort model. What is the model? How many people per cohort?

A group of peers who work together through a program.

A supportive, relatable system that helps you grow professionally and personally.

Groups of 15-20 people.
Cost

Room and Board: $11,314
Tuition & Fees: $12,108-$15,108
Personal: $1,904
Books and Supplies: $1,148
Transportation: $900

Estimated Total: $29,374
Financial Resources

STEM Grants: $10,000-$25,000
CLASS Stipend: $26,000-$36,000
SUG: $6,000
TEACH Grant: $4,000
Wildcat Scholarships: Various

Estimated Total: $46,000
Meet the Team

Get to know the faces behind the CLASS program!

Dr. Jennifer Oloff-Lewis
CLASS Project Director

Dr. Jamie Linn Gunderson
CLASS Project Coordinator

Cheryl Ordorica, M. Ed.
CLASS Senior Recruitment Coordinator & Advisor
Online Presence

Check us out on social media and our website for more information and a behind-the-scenes look at the CLASS program!

1. classteachers.org
2. Facebook
3. Instagram
4. Documentary Series
Questions?

Thank you!

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