The Los Angeles Unified School District and the Education Department at UC San Diego Extension offer a certification program in gifted education which is designed specifically around the unique needs of LAUSD teachers working with diverse gifted and talented learners.

The program, which began in March 2017, offers teachers the opportunity to blend District GATE professional development and university online coursework to earn GATE certification and twelve quarter units of salary-scale applicable academic credit.

Participants in the joint certification program must complete a total of five courses. Two of the courses are in-seat District Gifted/Talented Programs salary point classes offered on MyPLN. Three additional online courses are offered through the Education Department at UC San Diego Extension. The total cost of the program is $600.00. All UCSD certification courses must be completed within five years.

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UC SAN DIEGO COURSEWORK

The following online courses are offered exclusively for LAUSD teachers by the Education Department at UC San Diego Extension. Each course is approximately one month in duration. With the exception of the practicum, courses may be taken in any order and combination.

EDUC 40113 Brain-Compatible Learning provides an interactive exploration of the neurophysiology of gifted and talented education in the conceptual age, contextualized within the cognitive and affective needs of diverse gifted and talented students at the elementary and secondary levels. This course is a prerequisite for enrollment in Practicum in Gifted and Talented Education. Format: online, instructor-led. Duration: one month. Credit: 4 quarter units. Cost: $200.00.

EDUC 40114 Socioemotional Characteristics of the Gifted and Talented offers a review of the history and politics of GATE in the United States, setting the stage for a more detailed understanding of the nature of giftedness and talent. This course is a prerequisite for enrollment in Practicum in Gifted and Talented Education. Format: online, instructor-led. Duration: one month. Credit: 4 quarter units. Cost: $200.00.

EDUC 40115 Practicum in Gifted and Talented Education is a course that provides educators an opportunity to demonstrate competencies in the development and delivery of assessment-based strategies within gifted education (differentiated instruction, iconic teaching, depth and complexity, tiered assignments, and technology use, for example), connecting them together in a cohesive manner. Format: online, instructor-led. Duration: one month. Credit: 4 quarter units. Cost: $200.00.

To apply for the joint LAUSD/UC San Diego Extension GATE Certification Program, a completed application must be submitted to UC San Diego Extension before enrolling in UCSD coursework. In addition to the application form, participants must submit verification of successful completion of LAUSD Gifted/Talented Programs coursework.

For More Information

For a complete description of the program, refer to MEM-5809.1 entitled University of California, San Diego (UCSD)/Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Certification Program. For additional questions or comments, please contact Dr. Robert Grubb at (rgrubb@lausd.net) 213-241-6500 or Dr. Morgan Appel at (mappel@ucsd.edu) 858-534-9273.