

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## Teacher Preparation Opportunity

The Central California Partnership for Teacher Quality Program (CCP-TQP) is an innovative collaboration involving CSU Bakersfield, CSU Monterey Bay, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Kern County Superintendent of Schools and Tulare County Office of Education. Working together, CCP-TQP is addressing the diverse needs of schools, teachers and students at 18 high-need schools in rural areas of Central California. The partnership is working to reform teacher education through unique approaches to preparation and induction of new teachers.

The New Teacher Development Program, located in the Tulare County Office of Education, is coordinating an effort to identify and involve community college students with secondary school teaching aspirations. With an emphasis on preparing teachers in high demand subjects English, Math, Science and Special Education, this major innovation will recruit and support prospective students to prepare them for transfer to the teacher preparation and induction program in one of the partner universities.

The program will support students in their lower division preparation for transferring to upper division coursework then the teaching credential program at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CSU Bakersfield or CSU Monterey Bay. The program will work with community college partners to promote collaboration to develop enrichment and support options such as:

- Coordination of lower division coursework leading to transfer to CSU programs
- Tours of partner CSU campuses
- Volunteer tutoring and mentoring experiences in middle and high schools
- Volunteering in community college tutoring centers, writing and math labs
- Student cohort conferences
- College transfer days
- Career days