



To: Applicants to the UCSB Teaching Credential Programs

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RE: Artifact for Screening Interview

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We are pleased that you have applied to the Teacher Education Program at UCSB. For your interview, we ask that you please bring an artifact. This artifact can be a lesson plan, a sample or samples of student work, a poem, a work of art, a meaningful book, or anything that represents your understanding of teaching and learning. Be prepared to talk about how this artifact demonstrates what you think a teacher should know and be able to do. You will have approximately 5 minutes to present your artifact in the context of the interview. Some possible questions that you might want to address when preparing your artifact presentation include:

- How does this artifact relate to your beliefs about what good teaching should look like?
- What does this artifact show about how you engaged students in something you have taught?
- How does this artifact represent your awareness of different learning needs?
- How does this artifact make visible your attempts to consider student background knowledge, life experience and interests in relation to something you have taught?
- How does this artifact relate to maintaining standards for student behavior?

In addition, because we want you to begin thinking of yourself as a prospective teacher we would like you to consider your artifact in relation to the California Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs). The 13 TPEs are the standards of teaching expertise required for all graduates of California teacher preparation programs. How does your artifact relate to 1 or 2 of the TPEs? Please choose 1 or 2 from the attached list and go to the following site to see the full description of the TPEs you choose:

<http://www.education.ucsb.edu/Graduate-Studies/Teacher-Education-Program/prospective-students/TeachingPerformanceExpectations.htm> (you can also access the list on the application [interview page](#) of our website). Remember, in the interview you only have 5 minutes and we do not expect you to know and understand the TPEs well—we just want you to have a first look at them, think about them a bit, and give us some thoughts about your artifact in relation to 1 or 2 of them.