

## **CHARTER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

As the only one of its kind in the nation, the Charter College of Education was granted its special status by the Chancellor of the California State University system to serve as a focus for education reform efforts in the state. Located on one of the most culturally diverse university campuses in the country, it is uniquely suited to meet the new challenges created by the demographic, sociological and economic shifts occurring in our public schools. Our charter empowers dedicated faculty, interested professionals and involved community members with the flexibility to deal with the changing needs of today's educational system. We are a leader in providing high quality teacher education programs to address the critical shortage of professionally prepared teachers for California schools in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our goals are to:

- Create and expand collaborative programs that successfully interact with public schools to improve the quality of education for all students;
- Prepare and support teachers who are grounded in subject matter, versed in instructional practices, and see their role as one of creating curriculum responsive to student need, while providing the level of quality society demands;
- Measure the effectiveness of teaching methods in practice in the real world of the classroom setting;
- Conduct research that leads to positive changes in teaching practice; and
- Close the achievement gap for poor and minority children.

The Charter College of Education has a highly recognized and reputable teaching credential program. It has received outstanding accreditation reports from both the National Council of the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the California Committee on Accreditation (COA). In fact, the College became the first institution in California to have its credential programs accredited under the new stricter COA standards and procedures, satisfying all of the new standards without any stipulations or suggestions for improvements. Additionally, NCATE has granted the school full and continuing accreditation in all four standards categories (curriculum and instruction; candidate assessment; faculty evaluation and qualifications; governance and accountability), with no weaknesses cited.

The College offers two bachelor's degrees, 22 state-approved credential programs, six master's degrees with 26 options, 11 certificate programs, and a doctorate in special education jointly with UCLA.