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New Program in Stanislaus County Enrolling More Intern Teachers

Partnership with Stanislaus and San Joaquin county offices of education brings Teachers College of San Joaquin to Ceres

A new group of students is set to start classes in January at the Teachers College of San Joaquin (TCSJ) IMPACT Program at its new location at the Stanislaus Institute of Learning in Ceres. IMPACT offers opportunities for candidates interested in pursuing a career in teaching while also supporting local schools during a statewide teacher shortage.

The expansion of the program is the result of a partnership between the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) and the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCQE) Teachers College of San Joaquin. According to Christine Sisco, director of induction at SCOE, "The partnership is incredibly positive. Teachers now have more opportunities to enroll in local credentialing programs beyond universities that are going to meet their needs without commuting."

Enrollment is open for classes beginning Jan. 12. Students will start working on prerequisite classes to be eligible to enter the IMPACT program at the college's new location. The "Pre-Service" coursework is designed to introduce candidates to various aspects of the teaching profession and is a requirement of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for Intern Eligibility.

IMPACT is an alternative pathway to acquiring a teaching credential that prepares teachers for elementary, middle, high school, and special education. Teachers begin their teaching career with an Intern Credential, are employed and paid by the school district as the "teacher of record" for their classrooms, work closely with a supervisor, and attend evening classes in a cohort model twice a week for two years to earn a Preliminary Teaching Credential. More than 70 candidates began the IMPACT Program at the Ceres campus this fall.

"Teachers College of San Joaquin is proud to partner with the Stanislaus County Office of Education and we are committed to serve the districts and students with highly qualified interns," Louise Gammon, Stanislaus IMPACT program coordinator said.

For more information about the IMPACT Program at TCSJ, call (209) 639-3473 or visit: teacherscollegesj.edu.

About Teachers College of San Joaquin:

Founded in 2009 by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCQE), Teachers College of San Joaquin (TCSJ) is the first WASC accredited institution to be housed within a county office of education and serves graduate students from across Northern California, including teachers and administrators who come from both elementary and high school settings.