Pathway Courses

10th Grade - Exploration of Child & Adolescent Literature (HP)
This English Language Arts college preparatory course is integrated with the Education Pathway standards. This course allows students to utilize Language Arts skills to investigate and evaluate the value and purpose of world literature for children and adolescents. Students synthesize their knowledge of the developmental stages of physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development with their understanding of appropriate teaching materials and readings for each of the stages.

11th Grade - Contemporary Issues in Education (HP)
This course is a college preparatory eleventh grade English course integrated with the Education pathway standards of the Education, Child Development, and Family Services sector, which allows students to see where the skills of English intersect with the elements of education. Students conduct research, closely read and analyze complex texts, evaluate instructional methodology and philosophy, and create a portfolio of reflections, activities, and compositions that, when synthesized, serve as the foundation for three capstone projects. Students will present a standards-based lesson plan, research a contemporary issue in education, and participate in a mock job interview.

11th Grade - ROP Careers with Children
Dual Enrollment with Child Development I (3 units)
This course is designed to prepare students to work in fields dealing with children from birth to age 12. Students learn the organization and procedures involved with a preschool or day care center, as well as techniques for instructing, guiding, and caring for children in a childcare program. Through off-campus internships, field trips, and classroom speakers, students will learn firsthand about career opportunities that deal with children. Students prepare for and take the Paraprofessional exam.

12th Grade - ROP Education Careers
Dual Enrollment with Education 10 (3 units)
Students in this class study the nature and scope of the school system, the duties and opportunities of the professional teacher, factors relative to success in teaching, and credentialing requirements. Students prepare for and take the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) and have an opportunity to observe and work in CUSD elementary and intermediate schools.

Pathway Opportunities

Educators Rising California (Grades 9-12)
This is a Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for students who are interested in teaching and/or careers in education. Interested students can register at club sign-ups in the fall.

Writing Workshop
This workshop is designed to enhance writing skills and prepare students for the writing portion of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), which is required to enter a teaching credential program. Students may take this exam while enrolled in the ROP Education Careers course.

Pathway Academy
This program is designed to enhance teaching skills and to help build confidence in managing a classroom. With a focus on student engagement, the academy will prepare pathway students to qualify for paid summer employment in K-8 programs.

Youth Technology Institute
Pathway participants will be taught in state-of-the-art technology labs at Fresno State. Capitalizing on the latest innovations, students will be equipped with the power of technology for use now as a learner and later as a teacher.

Summer Internship
These positions are available to juniors and seniors through the California Teaching Fellows Foundation. Interns will participate in early field placement working with school age students in grades K-8, while experiencing employment in summer programs.

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