



**Currently applying for (choose one)**

**Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP):**  
Elementary teacher (K-6) pathway to earn a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Studies and a California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

**VISTA Integrated Program:**  
Middle/High School teacher pathway to earn a bachelor’s degree in Biology, Chemistry or Math and a California Single Subject Teaching Credential

**Personal Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City State Zip

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

I am currently:  Incoming Freshman  Current VU Student  Transfer Student

I am applying for entry in Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_

Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Demographic Information**

The federal government and accrediting agencies request that colleges and universities describe the ethnic backgrounds of students. Therefore, please select one or more of the ethnic categories listed below with which you identify yourself. This information is for statistical purposes only. It will not be used to determine eligibility for admission.

I identify my ethnicity as:

- Asian  Black or African American  Caucasian  Hispanic
- Native American  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, including entering a plea of “no contest”?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information**

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement Prompt**

In a separate document, write a 1 to 2 page, double-spaced response to the prompt below. We seek a clear and comprehensive answer. Please keep in mind that this statement will be evaluated according to content, grammar and spelling. Include this essay as a component of the application.

**Describe the course of events in your life that led to the decision to become an educator.**



**INTEGRATED PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**APPLICANT**

Complete the top portion and then give this form to a recommender (i.e. professor, supervisor, or mentor) who is able to accurately evaluate your work ethic, skills and qualifications.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDER**

This student is applying to one of Vanguard’s Integrated Teacher programs. Please provide a candid and thorough evaluation of the applicant identified above by completing the section below. Then email it as an attachment or mail to the relevant address below. Thank you for completing this statement of recommendation.

Recommender Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark one of the four boxes below for each of the five characteristics according to your experience with and observations of the applicant**

	Above Average	Average	Poor/Below Average	Unable to answer
Attitude Toward Work or Class				
Working with Others				
Ability to Communicate Effectively				
Writing Ability				
Character and Personal Integrity				

Please provide any additional information about the applicant that you feel might be relevant. Attach additional page(s) as needed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Overall Recommendation**

- Recommend
- Recommend with Reservations (comments attached)
- Do Not Recommend (comments attached)

**Return Completed Recommendation Form**

Via Mail: Vanguard University  
Graduate Education / Integrated Programs  
55 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Via Email: GradEducation@vanguard.edu

Recommender’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Acknowledgment**

- I will obtain a Certificate of Clearance from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), which includes a negative tuberculosis (TB) test as well as a live scan (fingerprinting) receipt.
- I acknowledge the rigor of this program and will maintain a cumulative 2.7 Grade Point Average (GPA) or higher to remain in the program.
- I will abide by the program requirement to regularly meet with the Integrated Program Advisor(s) to ensure appropriate courses are taken and that sufficient progress is made toward the successful completion of the program.
- I am aware of the resources Vanguard University offers its students, including the Academic Resource Center (ARC), Tutorial Center, Supplemental Instruction (SI), Writing Center, and the Office of Disability and Academic Services. If I need additional accommodations, I will notify the Integrated Program Advisor(s).
- Admission to the VU Teaching Credential program is contingent upon completing all academic and fieldwork prerequisites.
- I understand that the integrated nature of this program dictates that I must complete all coursework in order to earn both a bachelor’s degree and a teaching credential. I will not receive a B.A./B.S. degree by solely completing all the required coursework from Year 1 to Year 3. The blended nature of this curriculum requires that I must also take all coursework required in Year 4.
- I understand that if I do wish to withdraw from ITEP or VISTA, my coursework will then reflect that of a traditional bachelor’s degree seeking student.
- I understand that the teaching credential program requirements may change at any time due to changes in legislation by the CTC.
- I understand that according to CTC regulations, Vanguard University has an obligation to deny admission, or to dismiss candidates whom they deem unsuitable teachers.
- I understand that I may be exempt from taking the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) exams contingent upon Commission on Teacher Credential (CTC) approval.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge; and that it has been thoroughly discussed with the Integrated Program Advisor(s). If accepted to the program, I commit myself to abide by all program rules and regulations; and to apply myself to the best of my ability to fulfill the course requirements.

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

- Letter of Recommendation
- Interview with Program Personnel

- Essay prompt
- Applying for semester  
     \_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_ Spring

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

- Major: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expected Grad Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- GPA: \_\_\_