



Dual Immersion Schools, K-12

Bilingual teachers are in great demand. Dual immersion programs are expanding at an exponential rate. Many dual immersion programs are now established K-12 programs. Once students reach middle/high school, science or social studies classes are usually taught in the target language (e.g., Spanish). If you are interested in these two areas at the secondary level, you may want to pursue a Bilingual Authorization in addition to your content area specialization.

For more information about the Bilingual Authorization and dual immersion schools, see:

<http://sites.uci.edu/bilingualteacher/>

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To learn more about how you can become a bilingual teacher in K-12 dual immersion schools, please contact:

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Who are the students you teach?

Students, enrolled in dual immersion programs, specifically two-way immersion programs, come from varied backgrounds and socioeconomic status. The ideal program has 50% native English speakers and 50% native speakers of the target language (e.g., Spanish) in each classroom. Although most students live 5-20 min. away from the school, it is not uncommon to have families living as far as 30-60 min. away. Students begin the program in kindergarten and usually complete the program in high school. If they complete the program in high school, they earn an official Seal of Biliteracy on their high school diploma.



"Quien sabe dos lenguas, vale por dos."

FACTS ABOUT OUR UCI BILINGUAL TEACHERS

- ❖ 100% hiring rate for the past 4 years.
- ❖ The majority of our bilingual graduates teach in dual-language immersion programs throughout Orange County and in the Los Angeles area.
- ❖ Bilingual student teacher candidates are placed in dual-language immersion classrooms with bilingual alumni or other strong bilingual master teachers for the entire year.
- ❖ UCI bilingual candidates have been recognized and honored many times by the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE). Only four CABE teacher scholarships are awarded yearly, and six of our bilingual students have received this award since 2011.
- ❖ UCI bilingual alumni teach in many of our local dual-language immersion elementary schools: Gates, Las Palmas, Viejo, Bergeson, P. Marshall, Whittier, Monroe and El Sol.
- ❖ Some of our UCI bilingual alumni are also working at the middle school or high school level.

