



Application Requirements

- Read the details for each program's requirements. Note that many require that you be an educator.
- Reside in California.
- Complete the application by the deadlines.
- If accepted, pay \$75 registration fee
- Fill out the application to apply.

Application:

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We've brought together some of the most talented and experienced professionals with extensive backgrounds in the educational and corporate spheres with the goal of improving education in our communities. Our state-of-the-art facility serves as an instructional space as well as a laboratory for exploration and learning.



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What Our Students Say:

I chose MERIT on the recommendation of a colleague and I am SOOO grateful to them. I was looking to improve and extend my technology skills in the classroom. It could not have come at a better time. Having a wonderful cohort of teachers and instructors allowed me to learn new skills, new programs, and new ways of looking at and presenting information in my classroom.

-Kori Evans, MERIT Alumnus

IS THIS RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Are you a passionate educator?
- Are you looking to integrate innovative content into your curriculum with meaning and purpose?
- Are you hoping to dial into the landscape of your local community and lead change from the inside out?
- Are you looking for ways to sharpen your leadership skills to reach your diverse learners?



Meet the Directors



Sarah Williams
MERIT Director



Kas Pereira
SPACE Director



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STEAM Director



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KCI

SPRING / SUMMER PROGRAMS



Our commitment is to support and empower educators like you, who are shaping the future through education. By joining our programs, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with peers, learn from experts in the field, and gain access to resources that can significantly impact your teaching journey.

Apply now and take the first step towards an even more rewarding teaching career.

Warm regards,

L. Gay Krause



Gay Krause
Executive Director



Nurturing Innovation in Education Since 2000

MERIT

Making Education Relevant
through Innovation Teaching



CA STATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Earn a CA State Certificate of Achievement as an
Educational Technology Specialist, PLUS 12 Quarter Units.

DETAILS

The MERIT (Making Education Relevant through Innovative Teaching) program has been KCI's premier professional learning program since 2002. MERIT is a research-based, professional learning program designed to help educators bolster their curriculum with new teaching methodologies and technology-enhanced learning activities to motivate, challenge, and inspire the diverse learners and leaders of the future.



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- Grant-funded professional learning – We keep educator's budgets in mind.
- Cohort-based Learning Model – Connect with an intimate group of educators impacting change right alongside each other.
- Job-Embedded – Develop materials and projects you can use with your learners right now.
- Community – Join a supportive, mentor-based community of like-minded individuals.



STEAM

Science, Technology,
Engineering, Art, & Math



CA STATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Earn a CA State Certificate of Achievement as a STEAM
Instructional Leader, PLUS 12 Quarter Units.

DETAILS

The STEAM Leadership program is designed for pre-service teachers and educators at all levels who want to grow as STEAM leaders in their schools, districts, and/or counties. The program focuses on two topics: STEAM and DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion).



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- Equity-Driven Leadership – Learn from instructional leaders who dedicate their time to advocacy and empowerment of all learners.
- Grant-funded Professional Learning – We keep educator's budgets in mind.
- Project-Based Instructional Design – We encourage participants to choose their paths of learning that deepen their areas of interest, passion, and impact.
- Community – Join a supportive, mentor-based community of like-minded individuals.



(maker)SPACE

Supporting Prototyping &
Creativity in Education



CA STATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Earn a CA State Certificate of Achievement as a
Makerspace Coordinator, PLUS 18 Quarter Units.

DETAILS

The (maker)SPACE—Supporting Prototyping And Creativity in Education—program is designed for people who are interested in honing their maker skills and are seeking employment in fabrication laboratories and makerspaces within community centers, libraries, and educational settings. The program provides instruction and support for building models and prototypes, strategies to spark innovation and invention, and creative problem-solving and collaboration.



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- Cohort-based Learning Model – Connect with an intimate group of educators impacting change right alongside each other.
- Expert Instruction – Learn from instructors and guest lecturers who are experts in their fields and have direct experience with Makerspace coordination.
- Cutting-Edge Makerspace Access – Enjoy access to all equipment, specialized training, and on-demand staff support at the KCI Makerspace.



Learn More about MERIT →

Learn More about STEAM →

Learn More about SPACE →