Preparing for a Teacher Credential Program

Successful transition into a teacher preparation program requires planning and organization. Use this as a guide when planning to apply to a credential program. Have questions? Contact Credential Services at (909) 869-2301.

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Three Components in Preparing for a Teacher Preparation Program:

Start Early   Plan Ahead   Be Prepared

Basic Skills Requirement[1] (CBEST)	Subject Matter Competency[2] (CSET)	Orientation Session	Early Field Experience (45 hours)	Application[3]	Begin Credential Program

	Complete by	*This is a suggested timeline. You may register to take one, two, or all three sections of the CBEST in a single test session. Also, you may register to take one subtest or all required subtests of the CSET in a single session.*
☐	Fall/Spring	Year 1 (Freshmen): Register for CBEST 1
☐	Summer after Freshmen year	Year 1 (Freshmen): Pass CBEST 1 Register for CBEST 2
☐	Fall/Spring	Year 2 (Sophomore): Pass CBEST 2 Register for CBEST 3
☐	Summer after Sophomore year	Year 2 (Sophomore): Pass CBEST 3 Register for CSET 1 or decide to complete a subject matter preparation program
☐	Fall/spring	Year 3 (Junior): Pass CSET 1 Register for CSET 2 Cal Poly Pomona students[4] are eligible to take credential foundation courses
☐	Summer after Junior year	Year 3 (Junior): Pass CSET 2 Register for CSET 3 (if applicable)
☐	Beginning of First Semester	Year 4 (Senior): Pass CSET 3 (some CSET subjects require 4 subtests – i.e. English. Please plan accordingly) Attend an Information Session Complete 45 Early Field Experience Hours Cal Poly Pomona students[4] are eligible to take credential foundation courses
☐	Beginning of Second Semester	Year 4 (Senior): Apply to the Credential Program Obtain a Certificate of Clearance Cal Poly Pomona students[4] are eligible to take credential foundation courses
☐		Begin Credential Program

1. Basic Skills requirement can also be met with verification of a state approved option.
2. Subject Matter Competency can also be met with verification of a subject matter preparation program. See undergraduate department for information on appropriate track.
3. All program admission requirements must be completed and submitted by the application deadline of the term that you apply for. See website (https://www.cpp.edu/ceis/credential-program/admission/program-application.shtml) or scan QR code for details.
4. Junior or senior standing.