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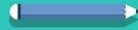
**Teacher Credential Programs**  
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# What do I want to teach?

What grade level(s) do I want to teach?

- Elementary (typically grades TK – 6)
- Middle School (typically grades 7 – 12)
- Special Education (K – 12 and up to the age of 22)
  - Resource rooms
  - Special day classes
  - Special schools
  - Home/hospital settings
  - Correctional facilities
  - Non-public schools and agencies

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# What do I want to teach?

What subject area(s) am I interested in teaching?

- Agriculture
- Art
- Biological Science
- Chemistry
- English
- Geoscience
- Mathematics
- Mathematics, Foundational Level
- Multiple Subjects
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physical Education/Adapted Physical Education
- Physics
- Science, Foundational Level General
- Social Sciences
- World Languages (Spanish)



# TYPE OF CREDENTIALS

## **MULTIPLE SUBJECT (ELEMENTARY TEACHER)**

The Multiple Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach all subjects in a self-contained classroom, such as classrooms in most elementary schools in grades preschool, K - 12, or in classes organized primarily for adults.

## **SINGLE SUBJECT (MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL)**

The Single Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the specific subject(s) named on the credential in departmentalized classes, such as those in most middle schools and high schools, in grades preschool, K-12, or in classes organized primarily for adults.

## **EDUCATION SPECIALIST (SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER)**

The Education Specialist Instruction Credential authorizes the holder to conduct Educational Assessments related to student's access to the academic core curriculum and progress towards meeting instructional academic goals, provide instruction, and Special Education Support to individuals in the areas of specialization listed on the credential in various settings.

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# Do I need to major in something specific?

Major in any subject if the baccalaureate or higher degree completed, except in professional education, is from a regionally accredited college or university

- Cal Poly Pomona is a regionally accredited college or university

# Do I need to major in something specific?

Major in a subject area similar to the credential being sought. For example...

- English – Single Subject English Credential
- Math – Single Subject Math Credential
- Music – Single Subject Music Credential
- Spanish – Single Subject Spanish Credential
- Liberal Studies - Multiple Subject or Education Specialist Credential

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# Do I need to major in something specific?

If you major in the same subject area of the credential being sought, you may qualify for Subject Matter Competency through one of the following:

- Completion of a Commission-approved subject matter preparation program
- Academic major that is a direct match to the credential being pursued through Assembly Bill 130

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# Do I need to major in something specific?

Major in a subject area different from the credential being sought. For example...

- Psychology – Multiple Subject Credential
- Sociology – Single Subject Credential
- Early Childhood Studies – Education Specialist Credential
- Mathematics – Single Subject Biology Credential

# Do I need to major in something specific?

If your major is a subject area different from the credential being sought...

- You will need to take the CSET (California Subject Examinations for Teachers) to demonstrate subject matter competency for a teacher credential
- Qualify for Subject Matter Competency through a combination of examination and coursework through Assembly Bill 130



# EXAMS

## SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY



### **CSET (California Subject Examinations for Teachers)**

Passing scores for all required subtests of the CSET must be submitted with the program application.

- See [ctcexams.nes.inc](http://ctcexams.nes.inc) for more information on exam format, content, length, fees, dates, test center locations, minimum passing score, and preparation materials



### **SUBJECT MATTER PREPARATION PROGRAM**

Verification of completion of a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) subject matter preparation program.



### **SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ACADEMIC MAJOR IN THE SUBJECT ONE WILL TEACH**

Major is a direct match to credential being pursued

Ex. Math major - Single subject Mathematics Credential

Liberal Studies major - Multiple Subject or Education Specialist Credential

English major - Single Subject English Credential



### **COMBINATION OF EXAMINATION AND COURSEWORK**

CSET Subtest(s) and coursework.



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# What are Credential Pathways?

## Types of Pathways...

- Integrated Programs
- Credential Only Programs
- Combined Credential and Master's Programs
- Master Only Programs

# What are Credential Pathways?

## Integrated Programs – Combined Credential and Bachelor Degree

- Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP)
  - 4-year bachelor's degree
    - Liberal Studies
    - Early Childhood Studies (coming soon)
  - Education Specialist Credential
    - Mild/Moderate
    - Moderate/Severe

# What are Credential Pathways?

## Credential Only Programs\*

- Education Specialist
  - Mild/Moderate (45 units)
  - Moderate/Severe (48 units)
- Multiple Subject (42 units)
- Single Subject (36 units)

\*Requires a bachelor's degree for admittance

# What are Credential Pathways?

## Combined Credential and Master's Programs\*

- Master of Arts in Education (30 units)
  - Curriculum and Instruction
  - Special Education
  - Educational Leadership\*\*

\*Requires a bachelor's degree for admittance

\*\*Requires completion of the Administrative Services Credential and 3 master's courses

# What are Credential Pathways?

## Master Only Programs\*

- Master of Arts in Education (30 Units)
  - Curriculum and Instruction
  - Special Education
  - Educational Leadership\*\*

\*Requires a bachelor's degree and valid preliminary teaching credential for admittance

\*\*Requires a valid clear teaching credential among additional requirements

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# When do I apply?

## Depends on Pathway

- Integrated Programs
  - Apply as a freshman
  - Apply as a junior transfer
- Credential Only and Combined Credential and Master's Program
  - Apply as a post-baccalaureate student

# PATH TO BECOMING A TEACHER



## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

- Complete requirements to transfer to a 4-year university



## BACHELOR DEGREE

- Complete Bachelor Degree Program
- Maintain at least an overall GPA of 2.67



## COMPLETE CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

- CPR Certification
- RICA Exam (Reading Instruction Competence Assessment)\*



## BEGIN CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

- Follow program plan
- Maintain 3.0 GPA
- Complete Clinical Practice
- Complete CalTPAs\*\*



## APPLY TO A CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

- Review Program Application Requirements
- Cal State Apply and Credential web page



## APPLY TO TEACHING POSITIONS

- EDJOIN.org



## BEGIN TEACHING IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Celebrate...You did it!





# NEXT STEPS

## TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

## CSU ELIGIBILITY



**Transfers must meet the minimum California State University eligibility requirements listed below as the first step in being considered for admission.**

**Cal Poly Pomona requires all transfers to complete the following by spring prior to fall enrollment or by summer for spring enrollment.**

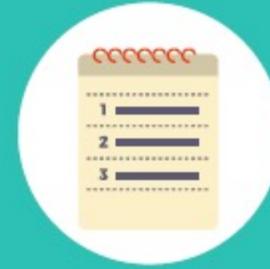
- ✓ Must be in good academic standing at the last institution.
  - ✓ Must have minimum 2.00 GPA in transferable coursework.
  - ✓ Must have at least minimum of 60 transferable semester units (90 quarter)
    - 30 of the 60 semester units (45 quarter), must be in General Education
    - Completion of the Golden Four"
- Supplemental criteria may be required for impacted majors that must be completed with a "C-" or higher
- ✓ Golden Four
    - A1: Oral Communication
    - A2: English Composition
    - A3: Critical Thinking
- [All Engineering majors are exempt from completing Critical Thinking as a part of admission requirements. The Critical Thinking GE A3 requirement is completed through a series of upper- and lower-division design courses within the major requirements.]
- B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning



## START EARLY



## PLAN AHEAD

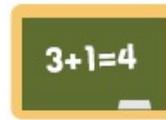


## BE PREPARED

- Continue with your studies to transfer to a 4-year university
- Decide on a major if you have not already done so
- Determine how you plan to meet Subject Matter Competency and Basic Skills for a Teacher Credential Program
- Seek opportunities to work/interact with the youth in TK - 12 settings which can be applied to the Supervised Early Experience requirement (45 hours)

# BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT

CAN BE SATISFIED BY  
ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
8 OPTIONS



**MATH**

**READING**



**WRITING**

1. Passage of the CBEST (California Basic Education Skills Test)
  2. Passage of the CSET: Multiple Subjects (#101, #214, and #103) plus the Writing Skills Examination (#142)
  3. Passage of the CSU Early Assessment Program or the CSU Placement Examinations
  4. Achieve Qualifying Score on the SAT or ACT
  5. College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations
  6. Passage of a Basic Skills Examination from another state.
  7. Coursework
  8. Combination of Exam and Coursework
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  - See California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) leaflet, CL\_667 - Basic Skills Requirement for more information.

# Preparing for a teacher credential program

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**Three Components in Preparing for a Teacher Preparation Program:**

Start Early Plan Ahead Be Prepared

Basic Skills Requirement <sup>1</sup> (CBEST)	Subject Matter Competency <sup>2</sup> (CSET)	Orientation Session	Early Field Experience (45 hours)	Application <sup>3</sup>	Begin Credential Program
<b>Complete by</b> <i>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.</i>					
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# Cal Poly Pomona Undergraduates

- **Cal Poly Pomona Undergraduates with junior or senior standing can begin taking credential foundation courses.**

## **CREDENTIAL FOUNDATION COURSES**

Multiple Subject	Single Subject	Education Specialist
•EDU 5010	•EDU 5010	•EDU 5010
•EDU 5020	•EDU 5020	•EDU 5020
•EDU 5302	•EDU 5302	•EDU 5302
•EDU 5100	•EDU 5200	•EDU 5100

\*Check with undergraduate major prior to enrolling in any of the above courses

# Added Authorizations

An Added Authorization is an authorization that can be added to a Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist Credential

- Agriculture Specialist (13 units)
- Adapted Physical Education (20 units)
- Bilingual (6 units)
  - Spanish
  - Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese)

# Have Questions? Contact...

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