



Teacher Credential Checklist for obtaining a Multiple Subject Credential*

The multiple subject credential authorizes one to teach all subjects in a self-contained classroom, such as the classrooms in most elementary schools, in grades preschool, K–12, or in classes organized primarily for adults.

In addition to the requirements listed below, individual CSU campuses may have additional requirements. Credential advisors can provide personal assistance with all of the requirements. Contact information for advisors at each CSU campus is available at:

<http://educorps.csu-eppsp.org/campus-programs>

Additional help is available at CSU's EduCorps Help Center at:

<http://educorps.csu-eppsp.org/frequently-asked-questions>

And, you can pose questions at the following link about credential requirements, and a CSU advisor will get back to you shortly with an answer:

<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/3747091/CSU-Teacher-Education-Help>

Requirements for the Preliminary Multiple Subject Credential (valid for 5 years):

- Obtain a baccalaureate or higher degree
- Satisfy the Basic Skills Requirement by one of the following methods:
 - Pass the CBEST
 - Pass the CSET: Multiple Subjects Plus Writing Skills Examination
 - Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program or the CSU Placement Examinations
 - Achieve Qualifying Score on the SAT or ACT
 - College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations with qualifying score
 - Pass a Basic Skills Examination from Another State

For more information, go to https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl667.pdf?sfvrsn=91a6cf60_8

* This information was adapted from information posted on the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing website <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-teaching>



- Complete a multiple subject teacher preparation program including successful student teaching.
- Verify subject matter competence by one of the following two methods:
 - Achieve a passing score on the appropriate subject matter examination(s).
 - Complete a Commission-approved elementary subject-matter program or its equivalent
- Pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)
- Satisfy the Developing English Language Skills, including Reading requirement by completing a comprehensive reading instruction course that includes the following: the systematic study of phonemic awareness, phonics, and decoding; literature, language and comprehension; and diagnostic and early intervention techniques
- Complete a course (two semester units or three-quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution or pass an examination given by a regionally-accredited college or university
- Complete foundational computer technology course work that includes general and specialized skills in the use of computers in educational settings

Requirements for the Clear Credential

- Individuals who complete a teacher preparation program and receive a five-year preliminary credential must earn a clear credential by completing one of the following three options:
 1. Complete a Commission approved General Education Induction Program and submit their application for the clear credential through the Induction Program sponsor
 2. Complete a Commission-approved General Education Clear credential program completed at a California college or university
 3. Teachers who are certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards in one of the qualifying subjects listed below after obtaining the California Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential will be issued a Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

For additional information about each of these requirements, go to:

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-credentials>