



Teacher Credential Checklist for obtaining a Single Subject Credential*

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The Single Subject Teaching Credential authorizes one 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.

The subjects for Single Subject Teaching Credentials are:

Agriculture	Mathematics
Art	Music
Biological Sciences (Specialized)	Physical Education
Business	Physics (Specialized)
Chemistry (Specialized)	Science: Biological Sciences
English	Science: Chemistry
Foundational-Level General Science	Science: Geosciences
Foundational-Level Mathematics	Science: Physics
Geosciences (Specialized)	Social Science
Health Science	World Language: English Language Development
Home Economics	World Languages-Languages other than English
Industrial and Technology Education	

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>

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



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 Single 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

- Complete a single 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 subject-matter program or its equivalent
 - For Specialized Science subjects only, individuals may take and pass the appropriate subject matter examinations or obtain verification of completion of subject-matter course work from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- 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 (NBPTS) after obtaining the California Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential will be issued a Clear Teaching Credential in the subject area in which they have received national certification.

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

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