

TK - 12 and College Requirements and Opportunities

How to teach Transitional Kindergarten through College?

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Requirements for teaching Transitional Kindergarten through 12th grade?

- ▶ A California Credential is required to teach in California Public Schools. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) sets teacher preparation standards, approves teacher preparation programs, and grants credentials.
- ▶ There are several types of teacher preparation programs:
 - ▶ Integrated Program: A program that combines course work for the baccalaureate degree and credential. This option is generally more intense than traditional programs but enables you to become a teacher faster.
 - ▶ Post-Baccalaureate: A program for college graduates which involves two or three semesters of coursework and student teaching.

What type of Credential should I get?

- ▶ A Credential authorizes the holder to teach in a public school setting.
 - ▶ An individual who plans to teach in an Elementary School must obtain a Multiple Subject Credential.
 - ▶ An individual who plans to teach in a Junior/High School must obtain a Single Subject Credential. Credentials are offered in the following subject matters:
 - Agriculture
 - Art
 - Business
 - English
 - English Language Learner
 - Foreign Languages
 - Health Science
 - Home Economics
 - Industrial Technology Education
 - Mathematics (Foundational)
 - Music
 - Physical Education
 - Science
 - Foundational
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
 - Geosciences
 - Social Science
- ▶ An individual who wishes to teach students with Exceptional Needs (Special Education) must obtain an Education Specialist Credential.

What are Basic Credential requirements?

Multiple Subject/Special Education

- ▶ Obtain a baccalaureate degree
- ▶ Satisfy the basic skills requirement
- ▶ Satisfy the subject-matter competence requirement
- ▶ Pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)
- ▶ Satisfy the Developing English Language Skills requirement, including reading instruction
- ▶ Complete a course or pass an examination on the U.S. Constitution
- ▶ Complete a foundational computer technology course
- ▶ Complete a Commission-approved Multiple Subject Teaching Credential preparation program or a Commission-approved Special Education Teaching Credential preparation program

Single Subject

- ▶ Obtain a baccalaureate degree
- ▶ Satisfy the basic skills requirement
- ▶ Satisfy the subject-matter competence requirement
- ▶ Satisfy the Developing English Language Skills requirement, including reading instruction
- ▶ Complete a course or pass an examination on the U.S. Constitution
- ▶ Complete a foundational computer technology course
- ▶ Complete a Commission-approved Single Subject Teaching Credential preparation program

Preliminary and Clear Credentials

- ▶ A preliminary credential is what a student will receive after successfully completing a teacher preparation program.
 - ▶ It is valid for 5 years.
- ▶ A clear credential may be obtained once a preliminary credential holder completes a 2 year induction program through their employing school district or a clear credential program from a university.

TK - 12 Teacher Shortage

- ▶ In California there is a shortage of teachers, according to the Learning Policy Institute (2016) it is estimated that 100,000 teachers are needed to fill the gap.
- ▶ The following fields are considered high need:
 - ▶ Special Education
 - ▶ Math
 - ▶ Sciences
- ▶ The Teach Grant is available to students who work in a high need teaching field. A student can obtain up to \$4,000 a year to help pay for their career in teaching.
- ▶ There may be other scholarships and grants available to assist in paying for your education through your chosen school.
- ▶ Your school of choice may offer a Teacher Residency Program which places students in a high need school to help reduce the achievement gap.

Teaching Opportunities include:

- ▶ Teaching in a Public School District funded by the state.
- ▶ Teaching in a Charter School funded by the state.
- ▶ Teaching in a private school not funded by the state, but by private funding.

Requirements for teaching at a Community College or University

- ▶ The academic level to teach in College requires a Masters Degree and/or a Doctorate Degree
- ▶ There are part-time and fulltime positions available
- ▶ Part Time is considered less than 15 units
- ▶ Full Time is considered to be at least 15 units

California Community Colleges

- ▶ A minimum of a Masters Degree or a Doctorate Degree is required to teach at a Community College depending on the qualifications the College requires for that Faculty specific position

California State Universities

- ▶ A minimum of a Masters Degree is needed to be a Lecturer
- ▶ Lecturers begin as a Lecturer A, then can progress to Lecturer B and then a Lecturer C.
- ▶ A Lecturer is responsible to teach 15 units per semester

- ▶ A Doctorate Degree is needed to be a Professor
- ▶ Professors begin as an Assistant Professor, then can progress to be an Associate Professor and then a Full Professor
- ▶ Professors teach a part of the 15 units a semester and the remaining units are utilized for research.

A Future in Higher Education - Community Colleges and Universities

- ▶ Some High School Teachers continue on with their education after receiving their Clear Credential. They can go on to receive a Masters Degree and/or Doctorate Degree in their content area to teach at a Community College or University.
- ▶ Some College and University Faculty begin as Part Time Faculty and are then hired to be Full Time Faculty with more experience.