

# Teacher Preparation

What does it mean to be a Credentialed Teacher?

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# What are Teacher Preparation programs?

- ▶ 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 will I learn?

- ▶ Teacher Preparation Programs cover a variety of topics such as:
  - ▶ Adaptions for English Language Learners and Exceptional Students
  - ▶ Teaching Methodology and Assessment
  - ▶ Classroom and Behavior Management
  - ▶ Use of Technology in Education
- ▶ Experience working with a Diverse Student Population

# What type of Credential should I get?

- ▶ A Ca. 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 is Basic Skills Competency?

- ▶ The California Education Code and Title 5 Regulations specify, that applicants for a Credential, Certificate, or Permit to serve in the public schools of California must verify basic skills proficiency before the Credential, Certificate, or Permit will be issued.
  - ▶ You can meet basic skills by obtaining one of the following:
    - ▶ Take and pass all sections of the CBEST (California Basic Education Skills Test)
    - ▶ Meet the scoring on the one of the exams from the chart below

<b>Examination</b>	<b>English Score Requirement</b>	<b>Math Score Requirement</b>
CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP)	“College Ready” or “Exempt”	“College Ready” or “Exempt”
CSU Placement Exams (EPT and ELM)	Score of 151 or above	Score of 50 or above
College Board SAT	Score of 500 or above	Score of 550 or above
ACT	Score of 22 or above	Score of 23 or above
College Board Advanced Placement Examinations (AP)	Score of 3 or above on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP English Language and Composition</li><li>AP English Literature and Composition</li></ul>	Score of 3 or above on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP Calculus AB</li><li>• AP Calculus BC</li><li>• AP Statistics</li></ul>

## **Resources**

Leaflet CL-667: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf>

# What is Subject Matter Competency?

- ▶ Teacher candidates in California are required to demonstrate competence in the subject matter they will be authorized to teach. This may be obtained in one of two ways:
  - ▶ 1. By examination -
    - ▶ Take and pass all sections of the CSET exams in your subject matter.
  - ▶ 2. Via subject matter waiver -
    - ▶ Obtain a Subject Matter Competency Waiver from a State Approved Waiver Program. This waiver is normally obtained from a bachelor degree level program. Check with the school you are planning on attending to see about programs available.

# 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 Credential

- ▶ A preliminary credential is what a student will receive after successfully completing a teacher preparation program.
  - ▶ It is valid for 5 years.



# Clear Credential

- ▶ 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.

# 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.

# Teacher Credential Summary

- ▶ Apply/Transfer to a four year college/university to complete a Teacher Preparation Program
- ▶ Meet both Basic Skills and Subject Matter Competency Requirements
- ▶ Successfully complete the Teacher Preparation Program
- ▶ Apply for a Preliminary Credential
- ▶ Once teaching, enter an Induction or Clear Credential Program in that school district