TEACHER PREPARATION

CAREER INFORMATION

The demand for elementary and secondary teachers is dramatically increasing. Current growth in student enrollment and the need to replace teachers who retire combine to forecast a significant increase in new teacher hiring during the next decade. Students in California’s public schools reflect a wide variety of ethnic, linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

CREDENTIALS

Public school teaching and service credentials in the State of California are regulated by the State Legislature and administered by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Multiple Subject Credential (Elementary Education)

Persons interested in teaching in the traditional elementary school will typically pursue the Multiple Subject Credential which authorizes teaching service in self-contained classrooms in preschools, grades K-12, and in classes organized primarily for adults (classrooms in which one teacher is responsible for all the subjects commonly taught).

Recommendation for this credential requires:

1. A baccalaureate or higher degree.
2. Completion of an approved program of professional education, including student teaching and coursework in reading methods with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
3. Basic skills competency as demonstrated through passing scores on the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).
4. Demonstrated subject matter competency through completion of an approved waiver program (Liberal Studies or passing scores on the PRAXIS Multiple Subject Assessment for Teachers (MSAT) (must have scores from the test taken within five years prior to recommendation).
5. Demonstrated knowledge of the principles and provisions of the United States Constitution through successful completion of a three-unit collegiate-level course or examination.
6. Knowledge of health education in California, including substance abuse and nutrition.
7. Demonstrated knowledge of PL 940-142: Needs of, and methods of providing educational opportunities to individuals with exceptional needs (mainstreaming).
8. Demonstrated knowledge of computer hardware, software, and application to educational/classroom use (computer literacy).

The Professional Clear Multiple Subject credential is valid for five years and requires completion of a minimum of 150 hours of approved professional growth activities and 90 days of teaching-related activities in order to be renewed.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Single Subject Credential/CLAD Emphasis (Secondary Education)

Persons interested in teaching in the traditional secondary school will typically pursue the Single Subject credential which authorizes teaching service in departmentalized, subject matter classrooms in preschools, grades K-12, and in classes organized primarily for adults (classes where instruction is provided in only one subject). Candidates must verify subject matter competency in one of the following subject fields:

Acceptable Single Subject Credential Areas and Applicable Majors

- **Art**: Art
- **Business**: Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, Management, Marketing
- **English**: Communication, Comparative Literature, English, Journalism, Linguistics, Theatre
- **Foreign Languages**: Classics (Latin), French, German, Russian, Spanish
- **Science**: Biology, Chemistry, Geological Sciences, Physical Science
- **Mathematics**: Mathematics
- **Music**: Music
- **Physical Education**: Kinesiology (Specialization in Physical Education)
- **Social Science**: Social Science

Recommendation for this credential requires:
1. A baccalaureate or higher degree.
2. Completion of an approved program of professional education, including student teaching with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and coursework in reading methods.
3. Basic skills competency as demonstrated through passing scores on the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).
4. Demonstrated subject matter competency through completion of an approved waiver program in one of the California Single Subject areas, through a combination of coursework and competency examinations, or through PRAXIS/SSAT examinations. For clarification of appropriateness of a subject matter competency requirement please check with your counselor.
5. Demonstrated knowledge of the principles and provisions of the United States Constitution through successful completion of a three-unit collegiate-level course or examination.
6. Knowledge of health education in California, including substance abuse and nutrition.
7. Demonstrated knowledge of PL 94-142, needs or and methods of providing educational opportunities to individuals with exceptional needs (mainstreaming).
8. Demonstrated knowledge of computer hardware, software, and applications to educational/classroom use (computer literacy).  

The Professional Clear Single Subject credential is valid for five years and requires completion of a minimum of 150 hours of approved professional growth activities and 90 days of teaching-related activities in order to be renewed.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Please refer to the Liberal Studies Transfer Curriculum Guide for course requirements.

For further information, you must see a counselor. You can make an appointment to see a counselor by calling (562) 938-4561 for LAC or (562) 938-3920 for PCC.