



Introduction to Teaching



Is Teaching for You ?

Take steps to confirm that this is the right career choice for you.

- **Volunteer in different classrooms and grades**
- **Participate in the Future Teachers Club**
- **Meet with an education counselor to discuss teaching options and develop a student education plan once you are enrolled in classes**
- **Visit the Career Center to explore occupational outlook and trends**
- **Take an Introductory Course – Education 102**
- **Attend Future Teacher Conferences**
- **Visit the Teaching Resource Center located in the Career Center at GWC**



Decide What Grade Level and Subject You Wish to Teach

- **Elementary School Teachers - Multiple Subjects in grades K-6**
- **Junior High and High School Teachers - Single Subjects in grades 7-12**
- **Special Education**
- **College Faculty**



Pathways to Teaching

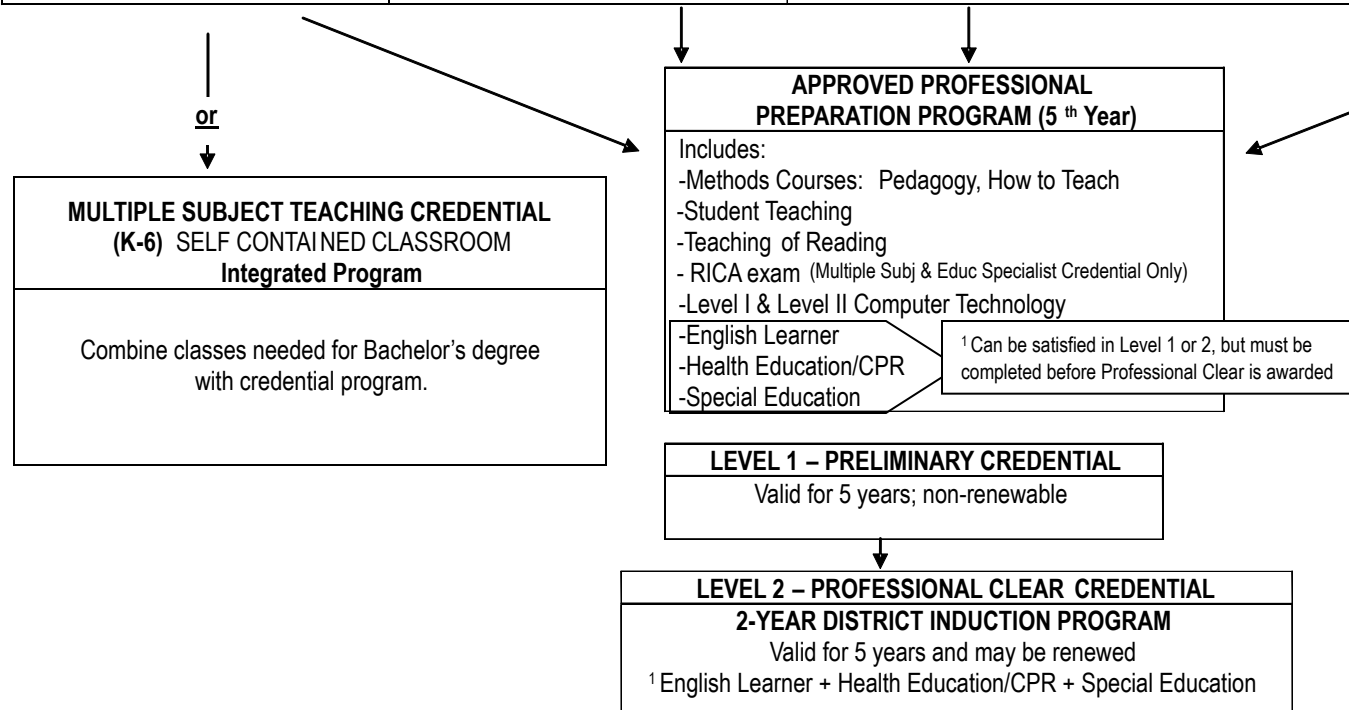
•Process to Become a Teacher

- 12 Early Childhood Education Units required to teach in Preschool (these courses can be found at OCC)
- Bachelor's Degree and Teaching Credential for public Elementary, Junior High, and High School
- Bachelor's Degree only is acceptable for many private schools
- Master's Degree or PhD required for College or University. Minimum of AA degree and experience to teach Career Technical Education in Community College

PATHWAYS TO TEACHING

This is a great time to enter the teaching profession. Becoming a teacher can be a complicated process. This handout is designed to clarify your options.

MULTIPLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL (K-6) SELF CONTAINED CLASSROOM Traditional Route	POSSESS BACHELOR'S DEGREE	SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL (7-12)	EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bachelor's Degree -Subject Matter Competence CSET: Multiple Subject -CBEST -U.S. Constitution -G.P.A. requirement for credential program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subject matter competence CSET: Single Subject <u>OR</u> Multiple Subject -CBEST -U.S. Constitution -G.P.A. requirement for credential program -Education 103 – Level I Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bachelor's degree -Subject matter competence (commission approved subject matter program or CSET Single Subject for Teachers) -CBEST -U.S. Constitution -G.P.A. requirement for credential program -Subjects available for Single Subject Teaching Credentials: Agriculture, Art, Business, English, Health Science, Home Economics, Industrial & Technology Education, Language other than English, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science: Biological Chemistry, Geosciences or Physics; and Social Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bachelor's degree -Subject matter competence CSET: Single Subject <u>OR</u> Multiple Subject -CBEST -U.S. Constitution -G.P.A. requirement for credential program



*These requirements are subject to change
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Teacher Terms

- **Subject Matter Competence** – Verification of knowledge of subject matter to be taught by passing CSET or taking courses in that subject area
- **CSET** – California Subject Examination for Teachers to meet subject matter competence
- **CBEST** - (California Basic Education Skills Test) Test that verifies proficiency in basic skills
- **Certificate of Clearance** - fingerprinting & FBI check
- **CCTC** – (California Commission on Teacher Credentialing) Body responsible for licensing and credentialing of professional educators in California
- **BCLAD/CLAD** - (Bilingual/ cross-cultural, language and academic development) Authorization to teach limited English-proficient students



Identify What Type of Credential/ Program is Best for You

- **Integrated Programs** – combine bachelor and credential requirements for Multiple Subject
- **Elementary Education** –Bachelor Degree with Majors in: Child & Adolescent Development, Liberal Studies, or any other major with CSET preparation
- **Post-Baccalaureate** – two/three semesters for credential which includes student teaching, methods courses and can incorporate a masters degree
- **On-line** – self-study format online provided by Cal State TEACH for multiple subject credential program

Required Exams

Meet the Basic Skills Requirement for all credentials

- **CBEST – California Basic Education Skills Test (\$41)**
 - It is ideal to take CBEST exam before you transfer to the university – take while you're at Golden West. Once you have completed transferable levels of math and English you are prepared for the exam.
 - Passing scores do not expire
 - CBEST workshops and exam prep books are available
- **Other options**
 - Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program or CSU Placement Exams
 - Pass the CSET Multiple Subject Plus Writing Skills Exam

Meet the Subject Matter Competency Requirement

- **CSET – California Subject Examinations for Teachers**
 - CSET is required for Multiple Subject Credential. CSET or Commission-approved subject matter program taken as part of the Bachelor's degree satisfies subject matter competence requirement for Single Subject Credential.
 - Passing scores valid for 5 years
 - Take this exam while completing subject matter coursework.
 - www.cset.nesinc.com for detailed information on CSET exams.



Subject Matter Competency for Elementary Education

- Multiple Subject CSET subtests:
 - Physical Education, Human Development, and Visual and Performing Arts
 - Science and Math
 - Reading, Language, and Literature; History and Social Science
 - Must also take CSET Writing Exam or CBEST



Subject Matter Competency for Single Subject

- Exam - CSET in subject you wish to teach
 - or
- Coursework – complete an approved Subject Matter Preparation Program as part of Bachelor’s Degree
- Foundation Level Math or Science Subject Matter Competency
 - Foundation Level Math
 - First two subtests of Math CSET
 - Any major for the Bachelor’s Degree
 - Foundation Level Science
 - First two subtests of General Science CSET
 - Any major for Bachelor’s Degree (recommend a Minor in Natural Sciences)



Subject Matter Competency for Special Education

- Elementary Education Specialist (K-6)
 - Multiple Subject CSET
- High School Education Specialist (7-12)
- Appropriate type of subject matter competence depends on the specific environment in which the teacher works and the policy of the employing school district.
 - Teachers working with students who are categorized as Moderate/Severe are more likely to be placed in a setting for which the CSET-Multiple Subject is the appropriate subject matter competence.
 - Teachers working with students who are categorized as Mild/Moderate are more likely to be placed in a setting that is subject matter specific. Thus, the CSET in a specific subject matter area (math, science, or English/ Language Arts) is the appropriate subject matter competence.



Adding Authorizations

- You can teach other subjects by adding an authorization to your credential.
 - Pass CSET in subject area.
 - An additional course is often required if adding to Multiple Subject Credential.
 - Adding Foundation Level Math or Science is a good option to increase employability.



Local Education Programs

- CSU Long Beach:
 - Multiple Subject: <http://www.ced.csulb.edu/teacher-ed/academic/mscp>
 - Single Subject: <http://www.ced.csulb.edu/single-subject>
- CSU Fullerton:
 - Center for Careers in Teaching: <http://www.fullerton.edu/cct>
 - CSU Dominguez Hills: <http://www.csudh.edu/coe/tednew/>
 - UC Irvine: <http://www.gse.uci.edu/>
- National University: www.nu.edu
- Chapman University: www.chapman.edu/soc
- Concordia University: <http://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/undergraduate/education/>



Apply for Financial Aid

- **FAFSA (Free Application of Federal Student Aid)**
www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **Cal Grants** www.csac.ca.gov
- **Loans** www.csac.ca.gov
- **Work-study/Internships** – Federal, state, campus or private programs that provide you with a job to help with education costs



Apply for Financial Aid for Teachers

- **APLE - Loan Assumption Program 888-CA GRANT (888-224-7268); www.csac.ca.gov**
 - Must agree to teach in one of the teacher shortage areas. See website for a full listing of shortage areas.
 - Math, Science, and Education Specialist are eligible for additional benefits.



Where do I find a job?

- Individuals interested in teaching opportunities throughout California should visit the EDJOIN website at <http://www.edjoin.org/>
- The directory to contact each district individually is available on the California Department of Education's web site:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/sd/>



Meet with a GWC Counselor

- **Meet with a Counselor EACH Semester – requirements change frequently.**
- **You must be currently enrolled to make an appointment with a counselor.**
- **Develop a Student Education Plan**
- **Develop a Long-Range Plan**
- **Be Aware of Application Requirements and Deadlines**



New Students Considering Elementary Education

If you are just starting and haven't attended any other colleges, there are some courses you can take that will count at the local CSU's for the Liberal Studies Majors and CSU or UC General Education or elective credit. These courses are good choices while you decide where to transfer. You can choose any major, but try to take General Education courses that will help you pass the CSET.

- Edu 102 – Intro to Teaching
- History 170
- Poli Sci 180
- History 161
- Geography 100
- English 100
- English 110
- Comm Studies 110
- Physical Science 100
- Biol 100



New Students Considering Single Subject- High School or Junior High

- Start on General Education and lower division major preparation. If unsure if you want to teach single subject or multiple subject, you can choose general education courses that work for both, such as Communication 110, History 170, English 100 and 110, Political Science 180, Geography 100, Bio 100, etc.
- Consider Foundation Level Math or Science as an additional subject matter competency for employability.
- Completing an approved subject matter preparation program (SMPP) as part of the Bachelor's degree will waive the CSET. Not all colleges or universities offer SMPP's.
- EDU 200 at GWC is the fieldwork class for elementary education, not for Single Subject. EDU 102 is still a good exploration course for single subject. EDU 103 will meet part of the Technology requirement for Single Subject.

Helpful Websites for Teacher Education Information

The California State University <http://www.calstate.edu/>

CSU Liberal Studies On-Line

<http://www.liberalstudies.calstate.edu>

Outreach and School Relations

<http://www.calstate.edu/ar/outreach.shtml>

Teacher Education in the CSU

<http://www.calstate.edu/teachered/>

Governor's Teaching Fellowship

<http://teacher-fellowship.calstate.edu/index.shtml>

Cal Teach <http://www.calteach.com/hpaindex.cfm>

TEACH California <http://207.166.53.39/>

California Teacher Recruitment Centers

<http://www.calteach.com/centers/index.html>

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/>

CSUF Center for Careers in Teaching

www.fullerton.edu/cct

Education Job Opportunities Information Network

ed-join.org

CSET California Subject Examination for Teachers

www.cset.nesinc.com

CSULB College of Education

www.ced.csulb.edu

www.ced.csulb.edu/liberalstudies/

CSULB Single Subject Information

www.csulb.edu/depts/singsubj

CBEST California Basic Educational Skills Test

www.cbest.nesinc.com

CBEST Preparation

www.ced.csulb.edu/cedinfo/resources/events/cbest.cfm

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