

College or University Route Checklist



Central Coast Teach Up - Monterey Peninsula College

Secondary Education teachers earn a Single Subject Teaching Credential, certifying educators to teach a specific subject in middle school or high school classrooms. The first step to becoming a certified teacher is to earn a five-year Preliminary Credential. One of the most common pathways to earn a Preliminary Credential is through the College and University route. Below is a sequence of the requirements and a short description of how to fulfill the requirements. For assistance with navigating the following requirements, please contact us at centralcoastteachup@mpc.edu.

REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:		
☐ Bachelor's Degree	Major: GPA:	
☐ Basic Skills Requirement	Satisfied by one of the following options: CBEST Exam Multiple Subject CSET + Writing Skills CSET Pass CSU Early Assessment Program or CSU Placement Exam SAT or ACT exam AP Exam Pass Basic Skills Exam from Another State Qualifying Coursework Combination of qualifying coursework and exams	
☐ Subject Matter Competency	Satisfied by one of the following options: CSET exam Approved Subject Matter Waiver Program Completion of an academic major in the subject area of the credential Combination of qualified coursework and exam	
☐ US Constitution Competency	Satisfied by one of the following options: Complete a course on the U.S. Constitution Pass an examination by an accredited college or university	
☐ Teacher Preparation Program	Common requirements for admission (review each program for a complete list): Bachelor's degree Basic Skills Requirement Subject Matter Competency Experience with youth CTC Certificate of Clearance Essay(s) U.S. Constitution Competency Field Placement Requirements	

☐ Teaching Performance Assessment	Satisfied by one of the following options (completed while in Teacher Preparation Program): CalTPA edTPA
☐ Formal Recommendation	Upon completion of the credential program and the requirements listed above, candidates will apply to the CTC for their Preliminary Credential with the recommendation of the credential program in attendance. More information will be provided while nearing the end of your credential program.

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