



College or University Route Checklist

Central Coast Teach Up - Monterey Peninsula College



Special Education teachers earn an Education Specialist Teaching Credential, certifying educators to teach students in specific areas of specializations such as Mild to Moderate Support Needs, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Visually Impaired, and more. 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 the College or 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 criteria, please contact us at centralcoastteachup@mpc.edu.

REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree	Major: _____ GPA: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Skills Requirement	Satisfied by <u>one</u> of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CBEST Exam <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Subject CSET + Writing Skills CSET <input type="checkbox"/> Pass CSU Early Assessment Program or CSU Placement Exam <input type="checkbox"/> SAT or ACT exam <input type="checkbox"/> AP Exam <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Basic Skills Exam from Another State <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Coursework <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of qualifying coursework and exams
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject Matter Competency	Satisfied by <u>one</u> of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CSET exam <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Subject Matter Waiver Program <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of an academic major in the subject area of the credential <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of qualified coursework and exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)	Satisfied by <u>one</u> of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Written Examination <input type="checkbox"/> Video Examination
<input type="checkbox"/> US Constitution Competency	Satisfied by <u>one</u> of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a course on the U.S. Constitution <input type="checkbox"/> Pass an examination by an accredited college or university
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Preparation Program/Credential Program	Common requirements for admission (review each program for complete list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Skills Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Subject Matter Competency <input type="checkbox"/> Experience with youth <input type="checkbox"/> CTC Certificate of Clearance <input type="checkbox"/> Essay(s) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Constitution Competency <input type="checkbox"/> Field Placement Requirements

<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Performance Assessment	Satisfied by <u>one</u> of the following options (completed while in credential program): <input type="checkbox"/> CalTPA <input type="checkbox"/> edTPA
<input type="checkbox"/> 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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