STEPS TO BECOME A CALIFORNIA TEACHER

1. CHOOSE YOUR PATHWAY

- Your pathway to becoming a teacher depends on the grade level, subject(s) you plan to teach, and the amount of time you would like to dedicate to earning your degree and teaching credential.

  - For Elementary School and Special Education (Elementary) levels, the Liberal Studies major is the best choice at CSUSM. The Liberal Studies major, in addition to preparing you for the Multiple Subject Credential (MSC) Program, waives the requirement to take CSET I–III if a student achieves a 2.67 overall GPA. The Liberal Studies major offers two pathway options for earning a credential:
    - The Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) begins freshman year, and students complete the Liberal Studies degree concurrently with teaching credential classes. Program completion takes four year and may include summer classes.
    - The Elementary Subject Matter (ESM) option leads to a Liberal Studies, B.A. degree followed by the multiple subject credential program. Total completion time takes 5 years.

  - For Middle School, you may choose to take one of the Elementary level pathways by majoring in Liberal Studies and then selecting from ITEP or ESM, or you may follow the Secondary (High School) level pathway by obtaining a baccalaureate degree related to the subject matter that you would like to teach. Regardless of your baccalaureate pathway choice, you should apply to the Middle Level Program upon completion of your major coursework.

  - For Secondary (High School) level, you should obtain a baccalaureate degree in a field that corresponds with the subject you wish to teach. Upon completion of your major coursework, you should apply to the Single Subject Program.

2. PASS EXAMINATIONS

- Pass the Basic Skills Examination, e.g., California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) sophomore year. There are additional options available to fulfill the basic skills requirement. Please see your relevant credential program brochure on the School of Education website for more details: www.csusm.edu/soe

- Demonstrate Subject Matter Competency:
  
  **FOR SINGLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL (HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER) CANDIDATES:**
  - Or, complete a Single Subject Matter Preparation Program. Single Subject students currently have the option to take coursework in lieu of examinations. Follow the subject matter preparation track for CSUSM Single Subject Matter Preparation Programs.
    - Cal State San Marcos offers a Single Subject Matter Preparation Program in Mathematics and History.
    - For other subjects, it is strongly recommended students complete a degree in the subject they wish to teach AND MUST pass the CSET in that subject area before entering the Single Subject Credential Program.

  **FOR SINGLE SUBJECT + MULTIPLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL (MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER) CANDIDATES:**
  - The Middle Level Program requires students to demonstrate Subject Matter Competency for both Single and Multiple Subject Credentials.
    - Students interested in teaching Middle School should complete the requirements found under “Single Subject Credential Candidates” and “Multiple Subject Credential Candidates” sections.
3. COMPLETE A TEACHING CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

California State University San Marcos, School of Education, Credential Programs:
- are post-baccalaureate, which means you enter them after you finish your bachelor’s degree, with the exception of the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP)
- include three basic types of teaching credentials: Single Subject, Multiple Subject and Special Education
- include certification to work with second language learners
- include coursework with classroom participation/observation and clinical practice/student teaching
- for bilingual students, offer a BCLAD: Spanish Emphasis
- APPLICATION PERIOD: Please contact, CEHHS, Student Services Office at 760.750.4277

CREDENTIAL PROGRAM OPTIONS AT CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

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<td>• Graduates of the program will hold a Multiple Subject Credential with Authorization to Teach English Learners</td>
<td>• Teaching Authorizations offered at CSUSM: English, Mathematics, Foundational Level Mathematics, Science, Foundational Level Science, Physical Education, Social Science, and Spanish</td>
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<td>• This program offers different options:</td>
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<td>• Prepares teachers to work with young adolescents in grades 5-9.</td>
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<td>• Graduates of the program will hold a Multiple Subject Credential with Authorization to Teach English Learners, a Certificate of Advanced Study in Middle Level Education, and a Single Subject Credential</td>
<td>• Candidates have the option for a Master of Arts in Special Education degree</td>
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CSUSM CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Prerequisite Courses:
Note: The Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) incorporates the prerequisite courses in the program. It is recommended ITEP Students take prerequisite courses at Cal State San Marcos junior year.

1. EDUC 350: Foundations of Teaching as a Profession
   a. Equivalent courses at a Community College:
      i. EDUC 115 at Mira Costa College
      ii. EDUC 200 at Grossmont College
      iii. EDUC 200 & 203 at San Diego Community College District
2. EDUC 364: The Role of Cultural Diversity in Schooling
3. EDUC 422: Technology Tools for Teaching and Learning
TESTING

1. BASIC SKILLS — all programs, e.g., CBEST

2. SUBJECT MATTER EXAMS:
   - Multiple Subject/Middle Level = CSET Multiple Subjects
   - Single Subject = CSET in Specific Subject or option to complete subject matter program in lieu of CSET exam
   - Special Education = CSET Multiple Subjects or Specific Subjects

CO-REQUISITE COURSES

Students should consider incorporating these courses in their lower division education plan

1. U.S. CONSTITUTION

   College-level course or exam CSU graduates automatically meet the U.S. Constitution requirement
   - History 130 or 230 or 330 or 335 or Political Science 100 or 300 @ Cal State San Marcos
   - History 101 or Political Science 101 at Palomar College
   - History 110 or History 145 or Political Science 102 at Mira Costa College

2. HEALTH EDUCATION

   A course that includes the following content: nutrition, physiological and sociological effects of abuse of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and use of tobacco.
   - KINE 306 or PE 203
   - HEALTH 195 at Mesa College
   - HEALTH 101 at Mira Costa College
   - HEALTH 100 at Palomar College

3. CPR CERTIFICATION

   Infant, Child, and Adult CPR
   - Must be valid during enrollment in a Teacher Preparation Program

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- GPA Required: 2.67 overall (Current Minimum)
- Good writing and communication skills are important factors when considering admission.
- Changes in credential requirements are often legislated. Please refer to the Cal State San Marcos website for the latest information www.csusm.edu/soe