Cerritos College

TEACHING CREDENTIAL PREPARATION

Career Pathway

The State of California provides for a two-step, five-year program leading to the Professional Clear Teaching Credential. A student may complete the requirements for a Preliminary Clear Credential within an approved professional preparation program including student teaching and may be employed at that point, providing all requirements have been met (except the fifth year). Within five years, the student must complete an approved Professional Teacher Induction Program through an approved school district, county office of education, college or university, consortium or private school. At that point, an application for a Professional Clear Teaching Credential is submitted through the approved sponsoring Induction Program. For more information, log on to the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing website at www.ctc.ca.gov and the TEACH California website www.teachcalifornia.org.

SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL
(Primarily for Middle and Secondary Schools)

This credential authorizes public school teaching in specific subjects in a departmentalized classroom such as those in most middle schools or high schools. Teaching in these subjects may be authorized for preschool, kindergarten, grades 1-5, and classes organized primarily for adults.

Future secondary teachers must demonstrate competency in their discipline by either completing a subject preparation program approved by the California Commission with a combination of community college and undergraduate university courses or passing the designated California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). See a counselor or www.assist.org for course requirement information.

MULTIPLE-SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL
(Liberal Studies/Elementary School Teaching)

This credential authorizes teaching in a public school self-contained classroom such as the classrooms in most elementary schools. However teaching preschool, kindergarten, grades 1-12, and classes organized primarily for adults may also be assigned.

Completion of the courses recommended below will partially satisfy requirements for the Liberal Studies Elementary School Teaching option offered at the indicated CSU's and UCR. The courses are part of a curriculum that can be started at a community college and completed at the CSU or UCR. The entire curriculum is designed for individuals who seek the pre-professional subject matter preparation for elementary school teaching consistent with the standards established by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

According to California law, any major can be selected to partially satisfy elementary school teacher preparation requirements. A Liberal Studies major however, is recommended because it provides the best preparation for future elementary school teachers. At most universities, the Liberal Studies major incorporates professional and subject matter content included in the California Teaching Standards for elementary school instruction.

With the enactment of the No Child Left Behind federal regulations, school districts are requiring a passing score on the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) for all new teachers. It is recommended that students take the CSET after transfer, per the advice of university department or credential advisors. The CSET is administered by the National Evaluation System, Inc. It is a five-hour test consisting of three separate subtests, each containing both multiple-choice and essay questions. Subtest I measures knowledge in reading, language and literature, history and social science; Subtest II covers science and mathematics; and Subtest III includes physical education, human development, visual and performing arts. Once a subtest has been passed, it does not have to be taken again, as long as the score is used toward certification within ten years of the testing date. For further information, visit the CSET website at www.cset.nesinc.com.

Students who wish to choose an academic major other than Liberal Studies in order to prepare for elementary school teaching should schedule an appointment with a counselor.

Students who choose a Liberal Studies major in order to benefit from a broad interdisciplinary liberal arts education and do not wish to pursue elementary school teaching should see a Cerritos College counselor for advisement. Requirements may vary from those listed below.

An Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer in Elementary Teacher Education is available at Cerritos College.

Basic Skills Requirement
To teach in the public schools of California candidates must verify basic skills proficiency before a credential will be issued. One of the options for meeting this requirement is passing the CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test). It is recommended that it be taken the semester **before** transferring to a university. The CBEST verifies proficiency in reading, mathematics, and writing. To view other options for meeting the basic skills requirement, check the CTC website at www.ctc.ca.gov. The basic skills requirement must be met prior to being assigned to daily responsibility for whole class instruction in student teaching or serving as an intern. However, institutions may require the basic skills requirement prior to program enrollment. Contact the college or university education department for more information. Completion of the basic skills requirement is necessary prior to student teaching. For test information, log on to www.cbest.nesinc.com.

COMMON LOWER DIVISION PREPARATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

See individual CSU's listed below for additional courses.

Biology	120
Child Development	110 (Except CSULB Traditional Curriculum)
English	100
English	103
Earth Science	110
Geography	105 *
History	102
History	245 *
Math	105 (Except CSUF, CSULA)
Math	110A
Math	110B (Except CSUF, CSULA)
Music	105 (Except CSULA, CSULB Traditional Curriculum)
Political Science	101
Speech	130

*Select either one for CSUF

California State University-Dominguez Hills
Contact the Liberal Studies Program for further information at (310) 243-3832 or visit their website at: http://www.csudh.edu/cps/soe/programsdegrees/liberal-studies.shtml.

English	100
English	103
Speech	100,120,130,132, ***or*** 150
Any Plan B	Physical Science (ESCI 110 ***or*** PS 112 recommended)
Music	100
or Theatre	101
or Theatre	151 or RTV 151
Biology	120
Child Development	110
English	222
Geography	105
History	101 ***or*** 102 (preferred)
History	245 **or** Anth 120
Math	105
Math	110A
Math	110B
Political Science	101 ***or*** 201

Students must select and complete one of the approved options: Anthropology, Art, Dance, Early Teaching and Learning, English Language and Linguistics, Literature, Human Development, Mathematics, Natural Science, Physical Education, Spanish, and Theatre Arts. Log on to the ASSIST website at www.assist.org to view option requirements which can be completed here.

California State University - Fullerton
Students can complete requirements to prepare to become an elementary school teacher in multiple ways at CSU Fullerton. They can major in Child and Adolescent Development, Liberal Studies, or other majors and complete the general education classes that will best prepare them for the CSET examination, as recommended by CSUF's Center for Careers in Teaching (CTC). With completion of a B.A. and other established requirements, they would be ready to enter a two to three semester traditional teaching credential program.

LIBERAL STUDIES

Biology	120 (Recommended)
Child Development	110 (Recommended)
Earth Science	110 Recommended)
English	100
English	103 (Recommended)
English	106, 222, 246A, 246B, 230A ***or*** 230B
Geography	105 (Recommended)
or History	***or*** 245
History	102 (Recommended)
Humanities	100
Math	110A
Political Science	101 (Recommended)
Speech	130 (Recommended)
TH	101, Danc 101 **or** Art 100 (Recommended)

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses used to meet the major requirements.

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California State University – Los Angeles
The CSULA Liberal Studies Department recommends that students complete the Elementary Teacher Education AA-T. Log on to the following website to view AA-T requirements: http://cms.cerritos.edu/uploads/transfercenter/Elementary_Teacher_Ed_2-9-16.pdf

Additional recommended courses: Math 110B, Math 105, EDEL 100, EDEL 200, EDT 110

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses used to meet the major requirements.

California State University – Long Beach
Teacher TRAC/ITEP Curriculum
The Teacher TRAC curriculum fulfills lower division requirements for CSULB's Integrated Teacher Education Program. Upon completion of ITEP a student will meet requirements for both a B.A. in Liberal Studies and preliminary multiple subject teaching credential for teaching grades K through 6th, without enrolling in a year-long credential program. To be eligible for Teacher TRAC, students must have a minimum 2.50 GPA and be ready to enroll for Math 60 and English 52. Applications and further information are available at the Teacher TRAC Center and at the Teacher TRAC website at www.cerritos.edu/teacher-trac.

Biology	120
Chemistry	105++
Child Development	110
Earth Science	110
Education/Elementary School Teachers	100+
Education/Elementary School Teachers	200+
Educational Technology	110
English	100**
English	102, 230A, 230B, 245, 246A, 246B, ***or*** 248A**
English	103, Philosophy 103, 106, ***or*** Speech 235**
Geography	105
History	102**
History	245
Math	105
Math	110A**
Math	110B
Music	105
Physical Science	112
Philosophy	100, 102, ***or*** 200
Political Science	101**
Speech	130**
Theatre	101

+Courses are restricted to official Teacher TRAC students only.
++Optional but highly recommended to prepare for the science portion of the CSET exam and/or to add a middle school science authorization.
******Must be completed by the end of the prior spring semester for fall admission or by the end of the prior summer term for spring admission.

Traditional Curriculum
The following courses meet lower division requirements for the traditional teacher preparation program consisting of a B.A. and year long credential program. Teacher TRAC requirements differ from those below.

Biology	120
Earth Science	110 ***or*** Geology 101
Education/Elementary School Teachers 100+	
Education/Elementary School Teachers 200+	
Educational Technology	110
English	100
English	102, 230A, 230B, 245,246A, 246B, 248A, ***or*** 248B
English	103, Philosophy 103, 106, ***or*** Speech 235
Geography	105
History	102
History	245
Math	105
Math	110A
Math	110B
Philosophy	100, 102, ***or*** 200
Physical Science	112
Political Science	101
Speech	130
Theatre	101

+Courses are restricted to official Teacher TRAC students only.

NOTE: CSULB WAIVES AREA "E" FOR TEACHER TRAC/ITEP AND TRADITIONAL LIBERAL STUDIES MAJORS.

***REFERS TO DESIGNATED AREAS OF THE CSU GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

University of California - Riverside

Humanities and Fine Arts: (4 courses)
Complete 4 courses (3 semesters) in Humanities and Fine Arts chosen from the following disciplines: Art, Art History, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing, Dance, English, Linguistics, Music, Philosophy, or Theatre.

History and Social Science: (4 courses)
Complete 4 courses (3 semesters) in History and Social Science chosen from the following disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Global Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Media and Cultural Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, or Sociology.

Science and Math: (4 courses)
Complete 4 courses (3 semesters) in Science and Mathematics chosen from the following disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Mathematics, or Physics.

IGETC and General Education/Breadth Information:
In addition to the lower division requirements listed above, students are also encouraged to complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, "IGETC", while attending community college. Although completion of the IGETC is not a UCR admission requirement, it is a good program for students planning to transfer into majors housed in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Information about completing IGETC is available at each community college.

For additional information, please check the ASSIST website at www.assist.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The requirements listed for major are subject to change without notice. It is the student's responsibility to check for the most recent information with a Cerritos College counselor or by consulting ASSIST at www.assist.org.

NOTE: Courses listed may require prerequisite coursework.

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ASSIST

How to use **ASSIST** to find your major preparation for CSU/UC:

1. *Log on*: www.assist.org
2. *Select an Institution*: select "Cerritos College" or other community college from pull-down menu
3. *Select*: "Type of Transfer Institution" such as "UC Los Angeles"
4. *Select a major from pull-down menu*
   Report will show the university courses on the left and comparable community college classes on the right.
5. *PRINT*:-print by clicking on gold "**PRINT THIS REPORT"** button on top. Then use the **ASSIST** screen menu on the top toolbar or click on the printer icon that will appear at the bottom of the page.

How to use **ASSIST** to explore the majors available at University of California and California State University campuses

- Click on "EXPLORE MAJORS"

How to use **ASSIST** to figure out whether courses from the community college are transferable to the CSU/UC.

- Select the community college of interest (Cerritos College)
- Select either CSU transferable courses or UC Transferable courses
- Select a department for the courses in question

*USC Articulation available at:
www.usc.edu/articulation and *Select:* "TRANSFER PLANNING GUIDE."

***IMPORTANT*:**
Students are advised to contact a Cerritos College counselor for more information & for details regarding other transfer agreements & options not available on ASSIST. Students can stop by the counseling desk to make an appointment or call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2231.