

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of a desk. In the center, a silver laptop is open, displaying the Windows 8 Start menu with various application tiles like Mail, Photos, and Netflix. To the left of the laptop is a white cup filled with many colored pencils. In the foreground, there are several markers and a notebook with some handwritten notes. To the right, there are more art supplies, including a pencil and a pen, and a notebook with a colorful drawing. The overall scene suggests a creative or educational workspace.

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT (BSR) FOR FUTURE TEACHERS!

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What is BSR?

The Basic Skills Requirement (BSR) is required by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for anyone seeking a teaching credential. By satisfying the BSR, applicants demonstrate basic skills proficiency in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

Who needs to Satisfy BSR?

The requirement applies to those seeking a credential, certificate, or permit needed to serve in public schools. Some institutions may require the basic skills requirement prior to credential program enrollment.

When will students need to satisfy BSR?

Students will need to contact their advisor at the university (after transfer).

Need more BSR info?

For more information, visit the Commission on Teaching Credentialing website:

[Basic Skills Requirement \(CL-667\) \(ca.gov\)](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/basic-skills-requirement-(cl-667))

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There are several ways to complete the **BSR** Requirement.
Your options are listed below:

Earn a B or higher in qualifying coursework.

Use a combination of qualifying score on exams + coursework.

Pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).

CSET: Multiple Subject AND the CSET: Writing Skills Exam.

SAT or ACT Scores for English and Math.

College Board Advanced Placements (AP) Exams.

CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP).

CSU Placement Exams (EPT and ELM).

See the following slide for minimum scores required.



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	ENGLISH & READING PROFICIENCY	MATH PROFICIENCY
	Minimum Score:	Minimum Score:
ACT	Score of 22 or above	Score of 23 or above
AP	Score of 3 or above on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP English Language & Composition • AP English Literature & Composition 	Score of 3 or above on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Calculus AB • AP Calculus BC • AP Statistics
CBEST	Obtain a minimum scaled score of 41 in each of the three sections (reading, writing, and mathematics). Or a score as low as 37 on an individual section if the total score is at least 123.	
CSET	Passage of the CSET: Writing Skills examination (test #142) can be added to passage of the CSET: Multiple Subjects Examination (subtests #101, 214, & 103) to meet the basic skills requirement.	
CSU EAP	“College Ready” or “Exempt”	“College Ready” or “Exempt”
CSU EPT & ELM	Score of 151 or above	Score of 50 or above
COURSEWORK	Grade of B or better in: Plan B, Area A2 & Area A3 or Plan C, Area 1A & 1B	Grade B or better in: Plan B, Area B3 or Plan C, Area 2
SAT	Before March 2016: Score of 500 or above After March 2016: Score of 560 or above	Before March 2016: Score of 550 or above After March 2016: Score of 570 or above



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Qualifying Coursework at Cerritos College:

Qualifying college-level coursework may be used to satisfy the Basic Skills Requirement **once you transfer to the university**. The courses must be verified by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or a Commission-approved preparation programs. Cerritos College does not issue credentials. Therefore, the verification of Basic Skills Requirement will be completed at the university level.

In order for coursework to be considered, it must meet the following criteria:

- Completed with a grade of "B" or better
- Completed at a Regionally Accredited institution (ex. Cerritos College)
- Must be a 3 semester unit or 4 quarter unit course (Cerritos College follows a semester academic calendar)
- For **Reading**: must be in the subject of critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis
- For **Writing**: must be in the subject of composition, English, rhetoric, written communications, or writing
- For **Mathematics**: must be in the subject of algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics



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Qualifying Coursework at Cerritos College:

- ❑ For **Writing**: Plan B (Area A2) or Plan C (Area 1A)
- ❑ For **Reading**: Plan B (Area A3) or Plan C (Area 1B)
- ❑ For **Mathematics**: Plan B (Area B3) or Plan C (Area 2)



PLAN C

INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION
TRANSFER CURRICULUM (IGETC)
AA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS 2021-2022

Cerritos College
Counseling

AREA 1 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION:

CSU: Courses from A, B, and C required

UC: Courses from A and B required

A. ENGLISH COMPOSITION (1 course, 3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

English 100, 100S

B. CRITICAL THINKING/ENGLISH COMPOSITION (1 course, 3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

Communication Studies 103

English 103, 110

Philosophy 103

Psychology 103

Reading 103 (Not recommended for UC-bound students)

C. ORAL COMMUNICATION (CSU ONLY) (1 course, 3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

Communication Studies 100+, 120, 130, 132+

AREA 2 MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING

1 course, 3 semester/4-5 quarter units

Mathematics 112+, 114+, 115, 116+, 155+, 160+, 170+, 190, 225, 250

Psychology 210+



PLAN B

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION
AA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS 2021-2022

Cerritos College
Counseling

AREA A COMMUNICATIONS: 9 units minimum

1 course from each category below

1) ORAL COMMUNICATION

Communication Studies 100, 120, 125, 130, 132

2) WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

English 100, 100S

3) CRITICAL THINKING

Communication Studies 103

English 103, 110

Philosophy 103, 106

Psychology 103

Reading 103

AREA B NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS: 9 units minimum

1 course from each category below; at least 1 lab (LAB) must be included in category 1 or 2

1) PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Astronomy 102, 103, 104, 105L (LAB), 106

Chemistry 100 (LAB), 110 (LAB), 111 (LAB), 112 (LAB)

Earth Science 101, 102 (LAB), 104, 104L (LAB), 106, 106L (LAB), 110 (LAB)

Energy 100

Geography 101, 101L (LAB), 103

Geology 101 (LAB), 102, 102L (LAB), 103, 103L (LAB) 201 (LAB), 204, 207 (LAB), 208, 209

Physical Science 100, 112 (not considered a LAB science for CSU GE)

Physics 100 (LAB), 101 (LAB), 102 (LAB), 201 (LAB), 202 (LAB), 203 (LAB)

2) BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Anatomy and Physiology 120 (LAB), 150 (LAB), 151 (LAB), 200 (LAB), 201 (LAB)

Anthropology 115, 115L (LAB)

Biology 105, 110 (LAB), 115 (LAB), 120 (LAB), 200 (LAB), 201 (LAB), 202

Botany 120 (LAB)

Microbiology 200 (LAB)

Psychology 241

Zoology 120 (LAB)

3) MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS

+Finance 125M

Mathematics 110A, 110B, 112, 114, 115, 116, 140, 155, 160, 170, 190, 225, 250

Psychology 210



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Coursework for BSR

Students are encouraged to meet with a counselor who can further assist in identifying “qualifying coursework” that may satisfy the Basic Skills Requirement (BSR). The coursework will be verified and approved by the teacher preparation program at the university level.



CERRITOS COLLEGE TEACHER TRAC PROGRAM



GUIDE TO VERIFYING COURSEWORK FOR BSR

This guide could serve as verification that the content in the course(s) you completed from a regionally accredited institution can satisfy the Basic Skills Requirement (BSR).

The following is the California Teaching Credentialing criteria for coursework that can satisfy the BSR:

- Must have earned a “B-” or better (Pass/Credit acceptable if institution does not issue letter grades).
- Must be completed at a Regionally Accredited institution, including community colleges.
- Must have earned 3 semester units or 4 quarter units.
- Must have been taken for academic credit.
- Must be degree applicable (not remedial).
- For **reading** proficiency: a course in critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis.
- For **writing** proficiency: a course in composition, English, rhetoric, written communication, or writing.
- For **mathematics** proficiency: a course in algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics.

Students should consult with the teacher preparation program at the university (after transfer). Only the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or a commission approved program can verify coursework for the BSR.

List your courses below to show BSR content for your teacher preparation program.

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT (BSR)	COURSE NUMBER (EX. ENGL 100)	# OF UNITS (EX. 3-SEMESTER OR 4 QUARTER)	COURSE TITLE (EX. FRESHMAN COMPOSITION)	GRADE RECEIVED (EX. A, B, ETC.)	COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY (EX. CERRITOS COLLEGE)
WRITING: PLAN B (AREA A2) or PLAN C (AREA 1A)					
READING: PLAN B (AREA A3) or PLAN C (AREA 1B)					
MATHEMATICS: PLAN B (AREA B) or PLAN C (AREA 1B)					

For more information on qualifying coursework for the Basic Skills Requirement, visit:
<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/options-bsr>

For more information on other ways to satisfy the Basic Skills Requirement, visit:
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What are your Next Steps?

1. Complete your qualifying coursework with a grade of "B" or better
2. Visit the Teacher TRAC website to find the [Guide to Verify Coursework for BSR](#)
3. Make an appointment with a counselor if you have questions about the form and/or qualifying coursework
 - If you took courses at another college/university, bring those transcripts to your counseling appointment
4. Learn more about CA teaching credentials by visiting their website
 - [https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/basic-skills-requirement-\(cl-667\)](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/basic-skills-requirement-(cl-667))
5. Once you transfer to the university, consult with your advisor regarding BSR and provide your transcripts to show course work or exams completed.

