



Cerritos College

TEACHING PREPARATION

Career Guide

The State of California offers several permits and credentials to students interested in teaching. The following are recommendations and a guide for Cerritos College students considering the Teaching profession based on current state requirements and most commonly followed pathways. For alternative pathways and questions, please consult with a Counselor.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Students interested in teaching in early childhood programs can complete certificates, permits, an A.A. Degree and/or AS-T degree. Students can prepare for the workforce and/or transfer to the institution of their choice to complete a Bachelor's Degree.

Early Childhood Educators teach children 0-8 years of age in child care centers, preschools, public schools, community programs, and family child care homes. They design effective learning environments and experiences to fully develop children's strengths, interests, autonomy, and social skills. While drawing upon child development theory and research, early childhood educators implement effective pedagogy to nurture the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social growth of each child within the context of their families and communities.

Education and Training

Each employer has their own requirements that regulate training, ranging from community college courses, a specific permit level, or a college degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education.

Child Development Permit

The Child Development Permit is a document that authorizes service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a publicly funded child care and development program. It verifies that you have fulfilled the requirements established by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) in the State of California. A permit is required to be eligible for child care and development teaching or administration positions funded by California Department of Education/Child Development Division, Head Start and State Preschool programs. Compensation varies by permit level, educational level, and agency.

Teach in Early Childhood Education

- ✓ Complete permit(s), or Certificate of Achievement, or AA and/or AS-T
- ✓ Work experience required for most permits
- ✓ Specializations available

MULTIPLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL

Students interested in teaching at the elementary school level must obtain a Bachelor's Degree and a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. The Multiple Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach all subjects in a self-contained classroom. At most universities, the Liberal Studies major incorporates professional and subject matter content included in the California Content Standards for elementary school instruction. Students who major in Liberal Studies and complete the required coursework at CSUDH, CSULA, and CSULB do not need to take the CSET exam to earn their Multiple Subject Credential.

College Majors for Elementary Teaching

Elementary teachers teach many subjects, for example Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science, Visual and Performing Arts and Physical Education. There are many possible majors, but it is best to major in a subject that will encompass all of these areas, such as Elementary Teacher Education (AA-T) and transfer as a Liberal Studies major. However, other majors such as Child Development are also pathways for elementary teaching. See a counselor for help with major selection.

MULTIPLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL CONTINUED

Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

- ✓ Elementary Teacher Education AA-T Degree and transfer as a Liberal Studies Major (recommended)
- ✓ +24 units of Early Childhood Education, or Childhood Development (ex. Early Childhood AS-T)
- ✓ It is recommended to complete EDEL 100 (10 hours observation in approved public K-8 general education classroom) or CDEC 164 practicum course
- ✓ Satisfy *CBEST*, *CSET* (if applicable), and *RICA requirements*
- ✓ Bachelor's Degree and Multiple Subject Credential (required)

Elementary (K-6th grade)

- ✓ Elementary Teacher Education AA-T Degree and transfer as a Liberal Studies Major (recommended)
- ✓ Other AA Degrees may be applicable: ex. Liberal Arts & Sciences and Early Childhood Education (AS-T)
- ✓ It is recommended to complete EDEL 100 (10 hours observation in approved public K-8 general education classroom)
- ✓ Satisfy *CBEST*, *CSET* (if applicable), and *RICA requirements*
- ✓ Bachelor's Degree and Multiple Subject Credential (required)

SINGLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL

This credential authorizes a person to teach in a classroom where only one subject is taught, such as a classroom in departmentalized high schools or middle schools.

Students interested in teaching at the middle school or high school level must obtain a Bachelor's Degree and a Single Subject Teaching Credential. The Single Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach in departmentalized classes in the subject named on the credential, such as English or Mathematics.

Single Subjects Include:

- AGRICULTURE
- DANCE & THEATER *
- FOUNDATIONAL LEVEL GENERAL SCIENCE
- HOME ECONOMICS
- MUSIC
- SCIENCE: CHEMISTRY
- SOCIAL SCIENCE
- ART
- ENGLISH
- FOUNDATIONAL LEVEL MATHEMATICS
- INDUSTRIAL & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
- PHYSICAL SCIENCE
- SCIENCE: GEOSCIENCES
- WORLD LANGUAGES: LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH
- BUSINESS
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
- HEALTH SCIENCE
- MATHEMATICS
- SCIENCE: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
- SCIENCE: PHYSICS

*DANCE AND THEATER COMING 2021

College Majors for Middle/High School Teaching

It is recommended that the major you select should reflect the subject area you plan to teach. For example, students who are interested in teaching Mathematics should major in Mathematics. At some colleges and universities, these degree programs qualify as subject matter preparation programs. If not, students must pass the appropriate CSET to demonstrate subject matter competency. See a counselor for help with major selection.

Middle School/High School (7-12th grade)

- ✓ Major in the subject area you plan to teach and complete an Associate's Degree (AA, AS-T, AA-T if applicable)
- ✓ It is recommended to complete EDEL 105 (10 hours observation in a middle/high school), offered in Spring only
- ✓ Satisfy *CBEST* and *CSET* (if applicable)
- ✓ Bachelor's Degree and Single Subject Credential required

EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL

This credential authorizes a person to work with students with special needs. Students interested in teaching children with special needs must obtain a Bachelor's Degree and an Education Specialist Instruction Credential. The Education Specialist Instruction Credential authorizes the holder to teach in the disability area of specialization listed on the credential in a variety of settings including elementary, junior high, and high schools.

Specialty areas include (choose at University):

- MILD/MODERATE SUPPORT NEEDS
- MODERATE/SEVERE DISABILITIES
- EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION
- DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
- VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS
- PHYSICAL AND HEALTH IMPAIRMENTS

Education Specialist (TK- 22yrs)

- ✓ Recommended majors in Liberal Studies, Early Childhood Education or area of interest
- ✓ It is recommended to complete CDSE 150 & 152
- ✓ *CBEST*, *CSET* (if applicable), and RICA
- ✓ Bachelor's Degree and Education Specialist Credential
- ✓ Multiple Subject or Single Subject Credential

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Those interested in teaching at a California Community College must meet minimum qualifications, which requires a Master's Degree in an academic discipline. Local minimum qualifications may vary by district and department. Many CSUs offer graduate students an opportunity to receive certificates in Community College Teaching.

College/University

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree in the subject area you plan to teach
- ✓ Master's Degree or higher degree in the subject area you plan to teach

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Career Technical Education, or CTE, is a Program that offers a sequence of courses directly related to preparing students for employment in current or emerging occupations. Such programs are focused on training students in the high demand skills needed to gain employment, cross-train for different positions, or retrain for a new career.

Career Technical Industry Sectors Include:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Arts, Media, and Entertainment
- Building and Construction Trades
- Education, Child Development and Family Services
- Energy, Environment, and Utilities
- Engineering and Architecture
- Fashion and Interior Design
- Health Science and Medical Technology
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Manufacturing and Product Development
- Public Services
- Marketing, Sales, and Service
- Transportation

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) CONTINUED

Teach in High School

Designated Subject Credential

- ✓ Three –Year Preliminary Credential
 - a minimum of 3,000 hours of work experience and/or complete an AA/AS Degree in the subject area you plan to teach (ex. Automotive Technology, Welding, Woodworking)
- ✓ Five Year Clear Credential
 - *CBEST and U.S. Constitution Course*
 - Health Education and CPR
 - Recommend EDT 110

Career Technical Education (CTE) Single Subject Credential

- ✓ Complete 60 unit of AA degree
- ✓ Bachelor’s Degree (ex. CSULA as Industrial Technology major) or higher
- ✓ Single subject credential

Teach in Community College

- ✓ Major in the subject you plan to teach at Community College
- ✓ A.A. Degree and 6 years of Work Experience or Bachelor’s Degree and 2 years of Work Experience

TEACHER TRAC (TEACHER TRAINING ACADEMY)

Cerritos College is fortunate to have a long standing national award winning teacher preparation program that serves students interested in teaching Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary or Career Technical Education (CTE). For more information on the Teacher TRAC program please visit www.teachertrac.com.

IMPORTANT TEACHING WEBSITES:

- Cerritos College Teacher TRAC website
<https://www.cerritos.edu/teachertrac/>
- Cerritos College Child Development website
<https://www.cerritos.edu/child-development/>
- Child Development Permit
<https://www.cerritos.edu/child-development/child-development-permit-matri.htm>
- CBEST Information
www.cbest.nesinc.com
- CSET Information
www.cset.nesinc.com
- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
www.ctc.ca.gov
- Los Angeles County Office of Education
<https://www.lacoe.edu/Home/Credential-Programs>

IMPORTANT EXAMS

- **CBEST**

California Basic Educational Skills Test verifies proficiency in reading, mathematics, and writing. All credential candidates must pass the CBEST. It is recommended to be taken prior to transferring to a university.

- **CSET**

California Subject Examination for Teachers can be met two ways (1) take and pass the CSET exam or (2) obtain a CSET waiver by completing a Bachelor's Degree at a university that offers a commission approved subject matter waiver program.

- **RICA**

Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) is a test required for two groups of California teaching credential candidates: those seeking a clear Multiple Subjects credential to teach elementary school and those seeking an Education Specialist credential. Students are required to pass the RICA prior to being recommended for a preliminary teaching credential.