MSCP Requirements

General Requirements

1. Applications
   a.) CSU, Stanislaus Graduate Application – www.csumentor.org ($55 fee)
   b.) Credential Program Application ($30 fee)

2. Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement
   The required GPA is 2.75 in the last 60 units or 2.67 overall. Students with a minimum 2.5 GPA in the last 60 units will be considered for “Special Admission.”

3. CSET Multiple Subject Examination
   www.cset.nesinc.com
   Non-Liberal Studies candidates must pass ALL three subtests of the CSET Multiple Subject Examination. Passage is required prior to the start of the semester for which an application was submitted. Must submit proof of passage OR registration when submitting application.

   CSU Stanislaus Liberal Studies candidates must pass TWO subtests of the CSET Multiple Subject Examination. Passage is required prior to the start of the semester for which an application was submitted. Must submit proof of passage OR registration when submitting application.

4. Basic Skills Requirement
   Applicants must submit proof of passage of ONE of the following options OR registration for either option a) or b).
   a) CBEST EXAM * (all 3 sections) - www.cbest.nesinc.com
   b) CSET Writing Skills Exam* - www.cset.nesinc.com
   c) CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP-English and Math taken in Spring of 11th grade with a “College Ready” or “Exempt” score).
   d) CSU Placement Examinations- English Placement Test (EPT) with a score of 151 and Entry Level Math (ELM) with a score of 50.
   * Passage is required prior to the start of the semester for which an application was submitted.

5. Early Field Experience.
   Candidates are required to have a minimum of 45 hours of documented field experience with students at K-6 grade levels, prior to being admitted to the program. (Not required for CSU Stanislaus Liberal studies majors).

6. Entry-Level Computer Competency
   This requirement can be satisfied in one of two ways: by completing an approved computer course or by submitting documentation which demonstrates knowledge of word processing, internet usage, presentation software, and email usage.
   (Not required for CSU Stanislaus Liberal Studies majors)

7. English Composition
   All CSU Stanislaus graduates will have met this requirement as part of their BA/BS degree.
   It can be demonstrated by any one of three options:
   1. Completion of a CSU WP class as part of the undergraduate program (verified by transcripts).
   2. Obtaining a 41 or better on the writing portion of the CBEST.
   3. Completing an upper division composition course with a grade of C or better.

8. American/Government Constitution
   This requirement can be met by taking PSCI 1201 at CSU, Stanislaus or an equivalent course that covers the U.S. Constitution.

9. Second Language Experience
   Can be met by one of the five options:
   1. Completion of 3 semester units of a language other than English at the college level with a passing grade.
   2. Completion of two years of another language other than English at the high school level with a passing grade.
   3. Completion of HILT (High Intensity Language Training) Program.
   4. Other life experiences that demonstrate second language acquisition.
   5. EDUC 4460 meets this requirement for Spanish Bilingual students.

Prerequisite Courses
   All co-requisite courses should be completed prior to admittance to the credential program, but may be taken concurrently and completed before student teaching.

1. Child Development
   PSYC/ CDEV 3140, Human Development I: Childhood or Nursing 1040 Human Development over the Lifespan or equivalent course from another institution.
   * Check with Credential Services for other course equivalents.

2. Cultural Views on Bilingualism - EDUC 4460 (Required for Spanish Bilingual students only).

Program Starts:
   At CSU Stanislaus students may begin the Credential program at several points during the year:
   1) Begin in the Summer Term continuing through the Fall Semester with Student Teaching in Spring; or
   2) Begin in the Spring Semester continuing through the summer with Student Teaching in the Fall.
**Credential Program Course Requirements**
Note: EDMS 4100 and 4150 may be taken prior to admittance to the credential program. Libs majors may apply and begin the MSCP before completing a BA and may earn post-baccalaureate credit in their final semester for courses beyond the BA.

**Summer Term - 10 units** (Also offered Fall & Spring Semester)
- EDMS 4100 Foundations of Education in A Diverse Society (3 units)
- EDMS 4150 Methods of Multilingual Education (3 units)
- EDSE 4140 Foundations of Multilingual Education, Spanish bilingual students
- EDSE 4430 Crosscultural Techniques
- EDSE 4160 Foundations of Special Education (1 unit)
- KINS 4165 School Health and Safety (1 unit)
- EDIT 4170 Educational Technology Foundations (2 units)*

**Semester 1 (Fall or Spring) – 14 units**
**Reading/Language Arts Methods – Take one of the following courses, depending on program emphasis:**
- EDMS 4110 Primary Reading/Language Arts Methods: English Instruction (5 units) or
- EDMS 4111 Primary Reading/Language Arts Methods: Spanish Bilingual (5 units) (Fall semester only) or
- EDMS 4112 Primary Reading/Language Arts Methods: Primary Language Support (Southeast Asian) (5 units)
  (Combined with EDMS 4110)
- EDMS 4121 Mathematics Methods (3 units)
- EDMS 4130 Science and Health Methods (3 units)
- EDMS 4140 History/Social Science and Visual and Performing Arts Methods (3 units)

**Semester 2 – 12 units**
- EDMS 4190 Student Teaching Practicum I (4 units)
- EDMS 4191 Student Teaching Practicum II (5 units)
- EDMS 4180 Classroom Management/Professional Standards (completed during student teaching semester) (3 units)

**TOTAL MSCP UNITS = 36 units**

*Preliminary Educational Technology Requirement*
The Preliminary Educational Technology Requirement can be met in one of two ways:
  a) Pass the two subtests of the Preliminary Educational Technology Requirement Examination (133 & 134) www.cset.nesinc.com or
  b) Take EDIT 4170 Educational Technology Foundations (2 units) after admission to the credential program.

**Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)**
www.rica.nesinc.com
Credentialed students should take this exam only after completing the credential program course on how to teach reading since this test assesses a candidate’s knowledge of teaching reading. When you register, request that CSU Stanislaus receive electronic verification of passage. If this is not possible, candidate must submit paper transcripts for verification of passing. This test is an exit requirement for the credential program.

**California Teacher Performance Assessments (CA TPAs)**
Teacher candidates must complete and pass the four CA TPA tasks. These tasks are separate, but are interrelated. Each task was designed with a specific sequence in mind as students learn to plan lessons, develop assessment plans, deliver instruction, and reflect and analyze lessons. The coursework within the Credential Program will prepare students for the CA TPAs. TPA orientation meetings are held at the beginning of each semester for students to better understand the process. http://www.csustan.edu/TeacherEd/tpa.html

**Prompt Admission to the Credential Program**
To increase the possibility of enrolling in your preferred courses, times, and locations, apply on time and submit a complete file.

**When to Apply to the Credential Program**
You may apply to the credential program
1) if you have completed a bachelor’s degree (BA or BS) or
2) if you are close to completing your degree (generally, in the last semester of the BA/BS program).

**Note:** Applications should be submitted six months prior to beginning of the MSCP program. Applications are accepted in Feb-April for the Fall semester and September-October for the Spring semester.

**Application Procedures**
The application forms are available:
- http://www.csustan.edu/Credentials/
- Turlock Campus, Credential Services (DBH 303)

Submit completed applications to Credential Services:
- Turlock Campus (DBH 303) or
- Stockton Campus, Acacia Court Building

**Fall 2013 applications will be accepted:**
Priority Applications: January 28, 2013 - February 8, 2013

**Interviews for non-liberal studies majors:**
TBA

**Frequently Asked Questions About MSCP**

**How Long Does It Take to Complete the Program?**
The program is 36 units, including student teaching. Full-time students can complete the program in one year if enrolled in both semesters, & summer term. Students who start in summer can finish by the end of May. Students who begin in January finish by the end of December.

**How Much Does It Cost?**
Full-time students pay about $11,000 (fall & spring semesters) in total tuition and overall book costs are approximately $700.

**Do You Have Paid Internships?**
Yes, CSU Stanislaus has intern agreements with most school districts in San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced Countis. Intern teachers do not complete student teaching; their paid intern teaching replaces student teaching. Students who are hired as long-term substitutes may obtain pay and credit for student teaching at the same time.

**Do You Offer Assistance in Passing the CBEST, CSET and RICA Exams?**
Yes, contact Tara Ribeiro in the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Office (DBH 322 667-3589) for information about upcoming workshops teacheroutreach@csustan.edu.

**Is Your Program Accredited? What Happens If I Want to Teach in Another State?**
CSU Stanislaus is fully accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) and by the National Commission on Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). If you go to another county or state, you will have university transcripts that detail the courses and program that you completed.

**Additional information available:**
Credential Services: (209) 667-3534, DBH 303
Dr. Anne Weisenberg, Multiple Subject Coordinator:
(209) 667-3474 or aweisenberg@csustan.edu