SSCP Requirements

General Requirements

1. Applications
   a.) CSU, Stanislaus Application – as a “graduate” student [www.csumentor.org] ($55 application fee)
   b.) Credential Program Application ($30 application 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.” (See back page)

Admission Requirements

Applicants may apply before completing the admission requirements, but must have them completed before being accepted into the program.

1. Tuberculosis Clearance - Good for only 4 years.
2. CCTC Certificate of Clearance and Livescan.
3. Completion of Subject Matter Preparation Program or passage of CSET. [www.cset.nesinc.com]
   Candidates must fulfill the subject matter competency requirement before they can be accepted into the program.

4. Basic Skills Requirement
   Applicants must submit proof of passage of ONE of the following options OR registration for option a.
   a) CBEST EXAM * (all 3 sections) – [www.cbest.nesinc.com]
   b) CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP-English and Math taken in Spring of 11th grade with a “College Ready” or “Exempt” score).
   c) 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 7-12 grade levels, prior to being admitted to the program.

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.

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 one year 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

The following courses are designated for the program. As such, all must be taken and/or in progress prior to applying to the program.
- EDSC 3900 “Foundations of Secondary Education”.
- PSYC/ CDEV 3240 “Human Dev. II: Adolescence”.
- EDUC 4460 “Cultural Views on Bilingualism” (BCLAD Students Only)

* Check with Credential Services for other course equivalents.

Credential Program Course Requirements

Note: Candidates must have taken and passed CBEST, EDSC 3900, Adolescent Psychology, and fulfilled the subject matter competency requirement- either through CSET or a waiver program- to begin course work in the program.

First Semester – 16 units

- EDSC 4100 Secondary Ed I (4 units)
- EDSC 4850 Field Practicum I for Student Teachers (2 units)
- EDSC 4110 Multilingual Education in Secondary Schools (3 units)
  OR EDUC 4400 Intro to Multilingual Education (3 units) (BCLAD only)
- EDSC 4115 Reading and Writing in the Content Area (3 units)
  OR EDSC 4215 Reading and Writing in the Content Area: Bilingual (3 units) (BCLAD only)
What is required for Special Admission?
The Department of Teacher Education is allowed to admit a small number of students who do not meet admittance requirements. Students who are below the minimum GPA criteria must submit a letter requesting special consideration for admittance. Special admissions will only be granted if there is room available.

Frequently Asked Questions About SSCP

How Long Does It Take to Complete the Program?
The program is 32 units. 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 $10,000 (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 Counties. Intern teachers do not complete student teaching; their paid intern teaching replaces student teaching. Students who are hired as long-term substitutes may possibly obtain pay and credit for student teaching at the same time.

Do You Offer Assistance in Passing the CBEST & CSET 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). Therefore, you can be assured that your program meets the highest State and National Standards.

If you go to another state you will have university transcripts that detail the courses and program that you completed. With NCATE accreditation you will be required to take fewer additional courses or exams to receive a teacher credential from that state.

Additional information available:


Credential Services: (209) 667-3534, DBH 303
Stockton Campus: (209) 467-5300
Dr. Christopher Roe, SSCP Coordinator:
(209) 667-3471 or croe@csustan.edu

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 once you have completed a bachelor’s degree (BA or BS), or in your last semester as an undergraduate student and have met (or currently completing) the admission requirements.

Applications should be submitted six months prior to beginning the SSCP. Applications are accepted in Feb-April for the Fall semester and September-October for the Spring semester.

Application Procedures
The application forms are available online:
- 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 08, 2013

Interviews: TBA