MSCP Program Requirements For Liberal Studies Majors

General Requirements

1. Applications
   a.) CSU, Stanislaus Alumni Application – for readmission as a “graduate” student
   b.) Credential Program Application
      Requires separate applications and transcripts (one $55 fee for both)

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 page 2)

3. Tuberculosis Clearance
4. CCTC Certificate of Clearance - Livescan

Competency Requirements

1. CSET Multiple Subjects Examination
   www.cset.nesinc.com
   Candidates must submit proof of registration for one subtest of the CSET Multiple Subject Examination.
   (Submit photocopy/ printout of registration).
   Candidates in the CSU Stanislaus Liberal Studies programs do not have to pass any of the subtests in order to be admitted to the credential program.
   All three subtests must be passed by all students one month prior to student teaching.

2. Basic Skills Requirement
   With their application, all candidates must submit proof of registration of ONE of the following options:
   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.

   * Must be met by all students one month prior to student teaching.

3. Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)
   www.rica.nesinc.com
   Candidates 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.

4. 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. Also see TPA Handbook available at http://www.csustan.edu/TeacherEd/ElementaryEducation.html

5. 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.
      www.cset.nesinc.com
      or
   b) Take EDIT 4170 Educational Technology Foundations course for 2 units after admission to the credential program.

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 - 7 units
EDMS 4100 Foundations of Education in A Diverse Society (3 units)
(Note: EDUC 4200 Diversity and the Classroom, meets this requirement)
EDSE 4160 Foundations of Special Education (1 unit)
KINS 4165 School Health and Safety (1 unit)
EDIT 4170 Educational Technology Foundations (2 units)

Semester I (Fall or Spring) – 17 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) offered in Fall only.
   or
EDMS 4112 Primary Reading/Language Arts Methods: Primary Language Support (5 units)
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)
EDMS 4150 Methods of Multilingual Education (3 units)
(Note: EDUC 4400 Foundations of Multilingual Education, meets this requirement)
**Semester 2 – 11 units**
EDMS 4190 Student Teaching Practicum I (3 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 = 35 units**

**Prompt Admission to the Credential Program**

To increase the possibility of enrolling in your preferred courses, times, and locations, apply early 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).

Applications should be submitted six months prior to beginning the MSCP program. Applications are accepted in March for the Summer/Fall and October for the Spring.

**Application Procedures**
The application forms are available:
- [http://www.csustan.edu/TeacherEd/ElementaryEducation.html](http://www.csustan.edu/TeacherEd/ElementaryEducation.html)
- Turlock Campus, Department of Teacher Education (DBH 330)
- Stockton Campus, Acacia Court Building

Applications must include evidence of attendance at an orientation session (date provided when application is submitted).

Submit completed applications to the Credential's Processing Center:
- Turlock Campus (DBH 303)
  or
- Stockton Campus, Acacia Court Building

**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.

**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 the special consideration for admittance. Students seeking exceptions should apply during the Priority Application Week and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the last 60 units.

**Additional information available:**
- [http://www.csustan.edu/TeacherEd/ElementaryEducation.html](http://www.csustan.edu/TeacherEd/ElementaryEducation.html)

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**Frequently Asked Questions About MSCP**

**How Long Does It Take to Complete the Program?**
The program is 35 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 $8,000 in total tuition and overall book costs are approximately $700.

**When & Where Are Courses Offered?**
Credential program courses are offered in the evening in Turlock and Stockton (Fall only). Morning and afternoon options are available in Turlock. Student teaching is the last 16 weeks of the program cannot be completed in the evening. Weekend courses are not currently available.

**How are the courses scheduled?**
All MSCP courses are taught in 3-5 hour blocks, on one day each week.

**Can I Take Only a Few Courses Each Semester?**
Many of our students take courses on a part-time basis. Generally, we advise students to complete a minimum of two courses per semester. Students can take fewer units if they prefer. The 16 weeks of student teaching must be completed on a full-time basis.

**How Long Is Student Teaching? Who Finds the School? Do We Get Paid for Student Teaching?**
Student teaching is 16 weeks long and takes place the last semester of the program. The University finds the placement for the student teacher. Whenever possible, our goal is to place all student teachers in schools in the towns where they live. Student teachers are not paid and must pay tuition for the student teaching units and supervision.

**Is It Possible To Student Teach Part-time?**
Yes. The Integrated Program allows students to student teach part-time for a full year and take courses part-time while student teaching. In this way, theory and application are integrated throughout the whole program. Students must pass all parts of CSET Exams to be considered for Integrated Program.

**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 obtain pay and credit for student teaching at the same time.

**Do You Offer Assistance in Passing the CSET and RICA Exams?**
Contact the Grants Office (DBH 322 667-3589) for information about upcoming workshops.

**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 county or state, you will have university transcripts that detail the courses and program that you completed. No other program in this region can offer you both national accreditation and university transcripts verifying your program.