When to Apply to the Credential Program

You may apply to the credential program

a. If you have completed a bachelor’s degree (BA or BS) OR

b. If you are close to completing your degree (generally, in the last semester of the BA/BS program).

Program Starts

Students may begin the Credential program in the Fall or Spring semesters. Some summer courses are available.

General Requirements

1. Applications – Must complete both applications.

   a) CSU, Stanislaus Graduate Application ($70 fee)
      Submit Online Application www.calstate.edu/apply

   b) Credential Program - Paper Application ($30 fee)
      www.csustan.edu/credentials/credential-information-application-forms

      i) Download the application and all necessary forms here:
      www.csustan.edu/Credentials/credential-information-application-forms

      ii) Submit to DBH 303 by the application deadline

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 may be considered for “Special Admission” if they have met all Admission Requirements. (Including Basic Skills Requirement and Subject Matter Competency)

   a) CSET Multiple Subject Examination
      (CSET’s: 101, 214, & 103) www.ctcexams.nesinc.com
      Passage required prior to the start of the semester for which an application was submitted. Must pass all three subtests prior to student teaching. Must submit proof of passage OR registration when submitting application.

      OR

   b) CSU Stanislaus Liberal Studies candidates ONLY
      Approved Elementary Subject Matter Program (ESM)

   i) CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP)-English and Math with a “College Ready” or “Exempt” score. (OR Combination of scores from EAP and EPT/ELM)

   ii) CSU Placement Exam - English Placement Test (EPT) with a score of 151 and Entry Level Math (ELM) with a score of 50. (OR Combination of scores from EAP and EPT/ELM)

3. Early Field Experience

   Candidates are required to have a minimum of 45 hours of documented field experience prior to being admitted to the program, must be in K-6 grade US classrooms within the last 5 years. (Not required for CSU Stanislaus Liberal Studies majors)

4. English Composition

   All CSU graduates will have met this requirement as part of their BA/BS degree.

   Can be met by ONE of the three options:

   a) Completion of a CSU WP class as part of the undergraduate program (verified by transcripts).

   b) Obtain a 41 or better on the writing portion of the CBEST.

   c) Completion of an upper division composition course with a grade of ‘C’ or better.

5. American Government/Constitution

   All CSU graduates will have met this requirement as part of their BA/BS degree.

   This requirement can be met by taking a course that covers the U.S. Constitution.

6. Second Language Experience

   Can be met by ONE of the five options:

   a) Completion of a language other than English including American Sign Language at the college level with a passing grade (3 units).

   b) Completion of one year of a language other than English at high school level with a passing grade.

   c) Completion of HILT (High Intensity Language Training) Program.

   d) Other life experiences that demonstrate second language acquisition.

   e) EDUC 4460 meets this requirement for Spanish Bilingual students.

7. CCTC Certificate of Clearance AND Livescan.

8. Tuberculosis Clearance or TB Risk Assessment Clearance

   - Good for only 4 years

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9. **Co-requisite Courses**

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

a) **Child Development**
   PSYC/ CDEV 3140, Human Development I: Childhood or Nursing 1040 Human Development over the Lifespan or equivalent course from another institution.

b) **Cultural Views on Bilingualism - EDUC 4460**
   (Only required for students completing the Spanish Bilingual Authorization).

**Credential Program Course Requirements**

NOTE: Courses listed under the Summer term can be completed prior to the admittance to the program if room is available. Summer term is optional.

**Summer Term - 10 units (Also offered Fall & Spring Semester)**

*Note: Summer courses are only available through University Extended Education. Visit [www.csustan.edu/uee](http://www.csustan.edu/uee) to register.*

- EDMS 4100 Foundations of Education in A Diverse Society (3 units)
  Not required for LIBS students that took LIBS 3200
- EDMS 4150 Methods of Multilingual Education (3 units)*
  Not required for LIBS Students that took LIBS 4800 or ENGL 4800 in Fall 2016 or later
  *(EDUC 4400 Foundations of Multilingual Education OR EDUC 4430 Crosscultural Techniques for bilingual students only). These EDUC classes may NOT be offered during Summer Session. LIBS 4800 and ENGL 4800 will not count.
- EDSE 4160 Foundations of Special Education (1 unit)
- KINS 4165 School Health and Safety (1 unit)
- EDIT 4170 Educational Technology Foundations (2 units)**

**Preliminary Educational Technology Requirement**

The Preliminary Educational Technology Requirement can be met in one of two ways:

a) Pass CSET’s Preliminary Educational Technology Requirement Exam (133 & 134) [www.ctcexams.nesinc.com](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com) (No units on transcript) OR
b) Take EDIT 4170 Educational Technology Foundations (2 units) after admission to the credential program.

**Semester 1 (Fall or Spring) – 14 units**

- EDMS 4110 Primary Reading/Language Arts Methods: English Instruction (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)

**Semester 2 (Fall or Spring) – 12 units**

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

**TOTAL MSCP UNITS = 36 unit**

**Additional requirements to be completed prior to being recommended for teaching credential:**

1) **Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)**
   [www.ctcexams.nesinc.com](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com)
   Credential students should take this exam shortly after completing EDMS 4110. This test is an exit requirement for the credential program.

2) **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)**
   All students applying for a Preliminary Credential demonstrate that they have “Infant, child, and adult CPR certification which meets the criteria of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.” Find additional information here: [https://www.csustan.edu/credentials/examcpr-information](https://www.csustan.edu/credentials/examcpr-information)

3) **California Teacher Performance Assessments (CA TPAs)**
   Teacher candidates must complete and pass CA TPA tasks. 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. [https://www.csustan.edu/teachered/teaching-performance-assessment](https://www.csustan.edu/teachered/teaching-performance-assessment)

**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?**

Students enrolled in 7 units or more will pay approximately $4232 per semester (Fall/Spring); students enrolled in 0-6 units will pay approximately $2834 per semester (Fall/Spring). Overall book costs are approximately $700. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. Contact Financial Aid office for more details at 667-3336.

**Do you have paid internships?**

Yes. CSU Stanislaus has intern agreements with most school districts in Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. Intern teachers do not complete student teaching; their paid internship replaces student teaching. Students who are hired as long-term substitutes may obtain pay and credit for student teaching at the same time. An internship seminar, EDUC 6538, offered through University Extended Education is also required.

**Do you offer assistance in passing the CBEST and CSET exams?**

Yes, contact the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Office (DBH 307) for information about test guide books, resources and upcoming workshops at (209) 667-3589 or visit teacheroutreach@csustan.edu.

**Additional Information Available at:**

- Credential Services: (209) 667-3534 | DBH 303
  [http://www.csustan.edu/Credentials/](http://www.csustan.edu/Credentials/) OR
  [https://www.csustan.edu/teachered/mscp-handbooks-forms](https://www.csustan.edu/teachered/mscp-handbooks-forms)
- Dr. Anne Weisenberg, Multiple Subject Coordinator
  (209) 667-3474 or aweisenberg@csustan.edu

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