Why Teach Science with a Foundational Level Science Credential?

Right now, California has an urgent need for Science Teachers. The Foundational Level Science Credential is intended for individuals who are strong in science, but not necessarily a science major. This credential allows one to teach the science courses that lay the foundation for higher-level science.

Important information about the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) in Science.
The CSET exams are used by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to verify subject matter knowledge. For a Foundational Level Science Credential you must earn a passing score on the Science CSET Subtests I and II.

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Have you ever thought about teaching?
Are you good at Science?
Would you enjoy teaching middle school Science classes?
Do you possess a Multiple or Single Subject Credential and would like to add a Science Certification?

The Foundational Level General Science Credential option is available to Multiple and Single Subject Credential holders and students of any major who possess exceptional science skills!

What does it mean to earn a Single Subject Credential in Foundational Level General Science?

A Single Subject Teaching Credential in Foundational Level General Science authorizes the credential holder to teach most K-12 public school general science courses.

This credential does not authorize teaching in higher level Science courses.

Single Subject Credential Holder Pathway to a Foundational Level General Science Credential

Establish Subject Matter Competency by successfully passing the general Science CSET Subtests I (118) and II (119).

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Multiple Subject Credential Holder Pathway to a Foundational Level General Science Credential

a) Establish Subject Matter Competency by successfully passing the Science CSET Subtests I (118) and II (119).
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b) Complete one of the following 3-unit Single Subject Methods Course:

◇ NSCI 4961 - Teaching Secondary Science (recommended)

◇ EDSC 4115 - Reading and Writing in Content Area

Undergraduate and Career-Changer Pathway to a Foundational Level General Science Teaching Credential

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