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Undergraduate Freshman Suggested Timeline

Winter/Spring First Year

- Attend a UCR Teacher Education Program (TEP) Information Session, https://education.ucr.edu/info-sessions-events
- Familiarize yourself with the admission requirements and examinations for the specific subject you would like to teach. Please visit the TEP website for more information, https://education.ucr.edu/teacher-education
- Explore the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) website for information the requirements for a preliminary credential, https://www.ctc.ca.gov/
- Prepare, register and take at least one of the required examinations for the specific subject you would like to teach. For more information on the California Educator Credentialing Assessments (California Basic Educational Skills Test [CBEST] and California Subject Examinations for Teachers [CSET]), please click on http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html *Note:* TEP prospective students must meet both basic skills (CBEST) and subject matter (CSET) requirements
- Meet with a TEP advisor for further information on admissions and CTC requirements

Fall Second Year

- Prepare, register, and take at least one CSET and/or your CBEST
- Attend the UCR Grad Open House during Fall Quarter. For more information visit our website, https://education.ucr.edu/
- Meet with a TEP advisor for further information on admissions and CTC requirements

Winter/Spring Quarter Second Year

- Prepare, register, and take at least one CSET and/or your CBEST
- Attend teacher industry panels and workshops (Discovering Graduate and Credential Programs in Education and Teaching) hosted by the Career Center, https://careers.ucr.edu/
- Begin to identify faculty, staff, and/or supervisors who would be willing to write you a letter of recommendation. *Note:* Letters of recommendation cannot be more than a year old from the time that you apply.
- Meet with a TEP advisor for further information on admissions and CTC requirements

Fall/Winter/Spring Quarter Third Year

- Prepare, register, and take at least one CSET and/or your CBEST

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- Begin working on your personal history and statement of purpose essays, https://education.ucr.edu/teacher-education-admissions#statement_of_purpose_personal_history_statement_essays
- Meet with the Academic Resource Center to have your essays reviewed by a Writing Specialist
- Meet with a TEP advisor for further information on admissions and CTC requirements

Fall/Winter Quarter Senior Year

- Prepare, register, and take at least one CSET and/or your CBEST
- Begin and prepare to submit your TEP application in September
- Submit on or before the priority deadline to be considered for scholarships
- Submit your financial aid application
- Meet with a TEP advisor for further information on admissions and CTC requirements

Spring Quarter Senior Year

- If conditionally admitted, prepare, register, and take pending CSET
- Submit all required paperwork and forms for financial aid
- Meet with a TEP advisor for further information on admissions and CTC requirements

Transfer Undergraduate Suggested Timeline

Fall Quarter Third Year

- Attend a UCR Teacher Education Program (TEP) Information Session, https://education.ucr.edu/info-sessions-events
- Attend the UCR Grad Open House during Fall Quarter. For more information visit our website, https://education.ucr.edu/
- Familiarize yourself with the admission requirements and examinations for the specific subject you would like to teach. Please visit the TEP website for more information, https://education.ucr.edu/teacher-education
- Explore the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) website for information the requirements for a preliminary credential, https://www.ctc.ca.gov/
- Prepare, register, and take at least one of the required examinations for the specific subject you would like to teach. For more information on the California Educator Credentialing Assessments (California Basic Educational Skills Test [CBEST] and California Subject Examinations for Teachers [CSET]), please click on http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html.
  Note: TEP prospective students must meet both basic skills (CBEST) and subject matter (CSET) requirements

- Meet with a TEP advisor for further information on admissions and CTC requirements

Winter Quarter Third Year

- Prepare, register, and take at least one CSET and/or your CBEST
- Attend teacher industry panels and workshops (Discovering Graduate and Credential Programs in Education and Teaching) hosted by the Career Center, https://careers.ucr.edu/
- Begin to identify faculty, staff, and/or supervisors who would be willing to write you a letter of recommendation. *Note:* Letters of recommendation cannot be more than a year old from the time that you apply.
- Meet with a TEP advisor for further information on admissions and CTC requirements

Winter/Spring Quarter Third Year

- Prepare, register, and take at least one CSET and/or your CBEST
- Begin working on your personal history and statement of purpose essays, https://education.ucr.edu/teacher-education-admissions#statement_of_purpose_personal_history_statement_essays
- Meet with the Academic Resource Center to have your essays reviewed by a Writing Specialist
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Fall/Winter Quarter Senior Year

- Prepare, register, and take at least one CSET and/or your CBEST
- Begin and prepare to submit your TEP application in September
- Submit on or before the priority deadline to be considered for scholarships
- Submit your financial aid application
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Spring Quarter Senior Year

- If conditionally admitted, prepare, register, and take pending CSET
- Submit all required paperwork and forms for financial aid
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CSET Test Structure

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential prepares you to teach in an elementary school setting.

Single Subject Teaching Credential prepares you to teach in middle school and high school setting in one of the following subjects:

- English
- Foundational General Science
- Foundational Level Mathematics
- Mathematics
- Social Science
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience, Physics, and Foundational Science)
- World Languages (Spanish)

Education Specialist receive both mild/moderate and moderate/severe credentials and take the multiple subject CSETs.

The following is the test structure for each particular CSET and subject offered at UCR TEP:

English

- Subtest I: 50 multiple-choice questions
- Subtest II: 50 multiple-choice questions
- Subtest III: 2 constructed-response questions
- Subtest IV: 4 constructed-response questions

For information on English CSETs test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_105teststructure.pdf.

Foundational General Science

- Subtest I: Computer-based test (CBT) only:
  100 multiple-choice questions and 4 constructed-response questions

For information on General Science CSET test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_215teststructure.pdf.

Foundational Level Mathematics

- Subtest I (test code 211)
- Subtest II (test code 212)

For information on Foundational Level Mathematics CSET test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_212teststructure.pdf.

Mathematics

- Subtest I (test code 211)
- Subtest II (test code 212)
- Subtest III (test code 213)

For information on Mathematics CSETs test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_211teststructure.pdf.

Multiple Subjects

- Subtest I (test code 101)
- Subtest II (test code 214)
- Subtest III (test code 103)

For information on Multiple Subjects CSETs test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_101teststructure.pdf.

Science

- Subtest I (test code 215)
- Subtest II (test codes 217–220)
    - Life Sciences (test code 217)
    - Chemistry (test code 218)
    - Earth and Space Sciences (test code 219)
    - Physics (test code 220)

For information on Science CSETs test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_217-220teststructure.pdf.

Social Science

- Subtest I (test code 114)
- Subtest II (test code 115)
- Subtest III (test code 116)

For information on Social Science CSETs test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_114teststructure.pdf.

Spanish

- Spanish Subtest I (test code 145)
- Spanish Subtest II (test code 146)
- Spanish Subtest III (test code 147)

For information on Spanish CSETs test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_145teststructure_1.pdf.

Spanish Bilingual Authorization

- Spanish Subtest III (test code 147)
- World Languages Subtest IV (test code 250)
- Spanish Subtest V (test code 258)

For information on Spanish Bilingual Authorization CSETs test structure, please click here:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/content/docs/CSET_Prep/CS_145teststructure_2.pdf.

RESOURCES FOR EXAMS

UCR TEP does not endorse any of the sites listed below and offer them only for your information.

1. YouTube Tutorials based on your subject and exam.

2. Practice tests available online through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing:
   http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_PreparationMaterials.html.

3. Obtain CliffNotes Study Book or Kaplan Study Book for your subject.

4. Enroll in preparation courses and obtain study guides through Teachers Test Prep: http://www.teacherstestprep.com/.

5. For Multiple Subject CSET practice ONLY. You can sign up for tutoring, classes and download practice tests: http://csettutor.com/CSET_Prep_Class.htm.

6. UC Irvine offers online CSET prep courses for free for Science and Mathematics authorizations. Please visit: http://ocw.uci.edu/collections/california_subject_examination_for_teachers__preparation_resources.html.

7. Study.com offers resources for CSET preparation: https://study.com/

8. Test Prep Review: https://www.testprepreview.com/cset_practice.htm.

9. Tomás Rivera Library offers exam preparation resources available for all students. You can contact them at (951) 827-3220 or https://library.ucr.edu/libraries/tomas-rivera-library

10. Mometrix offers test preparation through study guides and flashcards. Please visit them at https://www.mometrix.com/.

11. CSET Weebly for Science authorizations: http://sciencecsetprep.weebly.com/.

Tips from other students who have taken and passed exams

1. Take practice exams from the CSET website: http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_PreparationMaterials.html.
2. Use study guides and books from the library.
3. When taking the test make sure you read each question carefully and do not leave any answer blank. Take your best guess.
4. On written responses, make sure you respond to all parts of the questions. You will get credit for partially correct answers.
5. Consider the time and your preparation for each subtest. How many exams can you take in one day? For English, you are required to take four subtests. We recommend you consider not taking them all in one day and spread them out.