

SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCE

Before becoming a teacher in California,
you must demonstrate knowledge of the
subject you plan to teach .

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* Subject to change via the Commission on Teacher Credentialing



Teacher Education



Four Ways to Meet the Requirement

Qualifying College Major

Your undergraduate major
may satisfy the requirement.

CSET Examination

Pass the required CSET
subtests for your credential
area.



Coursework Option

Previous coursework may
satisfy one or more subject-
matter domains.

Subject Matter Program

A state-approved preparation
program may satisfy the
requirement.

Applying Through the CSET Examination?

Pass at least one required subtest by:

Priority Deadline: December 4, 2026; **Final Deadline:** January 15, 2027

All remaining subtests must be passed by May 21, 2027 if conditionally
admitted.