

How Do I Get My Teaching Credential?

Teaching Credentials available in California

<i>Multiple Subject Teaching Credential</i>	<i>Single Subject Teaching Credential</i>	<i>Special Education Teaching Credential</i>
Teach in an Elementary School Grades K-6	Teach in a Junior High or High School Grades 7-12	Teach in a Special Education Class K-12

What does it take to earn a teaching credential in California?

(Visit www.ctc.ca.gov for more information on teacher credentialing)

<i>Major in a field that will help you prepare to teach</i>	For example, future English teachers usually major in English. Future elementary teachers major in liberal studies. (The Gateways to Teaching Program is a transfer program that can help guide you through this process while at Chaffey.)
<i>Complete general education courses at a community college, such as Chaffey College</i>	This is approximately ½ of the required coursework for a B.A., 60 units. Make your academic plan early. Contact D.E. Creasy for Gateways to Teaching counseling at 909-652-6200.
<i>Pass the CBEST Test</i>	This is a basic skills test that covers math, writing, and reading comprehension. It is recommended that you pass this test while at a community college. (Gateways to Teaching helps you prepare for this test.)
<i>Transfer to a university</i>	After earning at least 60 units at Chaffey, transfer to a university, such as a Cal State, UC, or private university for upper-division classes.
<i>Pass the CSET Test</i>	This test covers the subject matter you wish to teach. Take this test in your junior year. If you major in the same field that you will be tested in, you will be more likely to succeed. For example, a future math teacher should major in math. The liberal studies major will help you pass the multiple subject matter test. Most credentialing programs require that you pass the CSET before you apply.
<i>Enter a credential program and complete student teaching/ internship</i>	There are different credential programs for different majors. All credential programs include advanced course work in health education, special populations, computer technology, and teaching English learners. The credentialing process includes clearance of fingerprinting and a Livescan Report

Find more information at www.chaffey.edu/gtp or call Gateways to Teaching at (909) 652-6260.