

SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY

Subject matter competency is the demonstration of a deep understanding of the academic subject an individual intends to teach. Meeting subject matter competency is a requirement for obtaining a teaching credential in the state of California and must be met prior to applying for fieldwork.

EXAMINATION

The California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) is a series of subject matter examinations for prospective teachers who choose to meet the Subject Matter Competency requirement by taking examinations.

COLLEGE DEGREE

Subject Matter Competency can be met through the successful completion of a bachelor's degree or higher in the respective subject area if the degree has been earned at a regionally-accredited institution of higher education and the degree major is one of the acceptable degree majors in the credential subject area being sought.

SUBJECT MATTER PROGRAM

Completion of a subject matter program offered by a Commission-approved undergraduate institution of higher education satisfies the Subject Matter Competency requirement for that subject. The University of Redlands has a CTC approved subject matter program via the Bachelor of Music in Music Education.

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSEWORK

Subject Matter Competency can be met through college-level coursework that they successfully completed at one or more regionally accredited institutions of higher education. The CTC provides guidelines on the domains that must be met for candidates to showcase their knowledge of the content area. All domains listed under that content area must be met as determined by the Office of Licensures and Credentialing in alignment with these requirements. Acceptable coursework must meet specific requirements.

COMBINATION

Subject Matter Competency does not need to be met in its entirety by one single option. Rather, it can be met through a combination of options, such as examination, subject matter program, and/or college-level coursework, which meet or exceeds the relevant subject matter domains adopted by the CTC in the content area of the credential.

COMPLIANCE AND DEADLINES

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires that within the first 60 days of a candidate's admission, the institution must complete an assessment of each candidate's standing in relation to demonstration of the Subject Matter Competency requirement and notify candidates of that standing.

You will be evaluated based on your Intended Subject Matter Competency Plan, submitted as part of Admissions documentation.

HELPFUL LINKS

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CSET EXAMINATION INFORMATION



APPROPRIATE DEGREES TO SATISFY SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY

