

Guideline for Majors at Nearby 4 Year Institutions

Major: *TEACHING CREDENTIAL*

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SINGLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL:

A Single Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the specific subject(s) named on the credential in departmentalized classes such as those in most middle schools and high schools. However, a teacher authorized for single subject instruction may be assigned to teach any subject in his or her authorized fields at any grade level (preschool, grades K-12, or in classes organized primarily for adult).

MULTIPLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL:

The Multiple Subject Credential is the credential needed to teach elementary school. One can think of it as a license or certification to teach. (The term "multiple" refers to the many subjects taught by one teacher in the typical elementary classroom.)

SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL:

Specialist Instruction Credentials authorize the holder to teach or provide services in the area of specialization listed on the credential. All specialist instruction credentials require the individual to complete a Commission-accredited program in the area of specialization, or an equivalent preparation program at a regionally-accredited institution outside of California.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

1. *Academic*--The student planning to teach at the community college level must complete at least a Master's degree in a subject matter area normally taught in the community college.
2. *Designated Subjects*--For teaching in occupational areas, a combination of work experience in the field (normally 5 years; community college, 6 years) and education is needed.