

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How may I schedule an appointment with a Credential Counselor?**
 - To schedule an appointment, please visit the [CEPO Webpage](#). In the Advising section, use the “Schedule an appointment” links to the corresponding counselor of the program of interest.
- **How much does the Credential Program cost?**
 - Cost of Attendance estimates for the credential program are published on CSU, Channel Islands’ Financial Aid website: https://www.csuci.edu/financialaid/Cost_of_Attendance.htm
- **How long does it take to complete the teacher credential program?**
 - This depends on a number of factors, depending on your individual case. Please make an appointment with a credential counselor for more information.
- **When is the application deadline?**
 - Please visit the [School of Education Admissions Page](#) for deadlines and application requirements.
- **What are the application requirements to apply to the Credential Program?**
 - The application process and deadlines vary for those who have completed prerequisite courses versus newcomers to the School of Education. Please see our [Application Guides](#) to determine the specific process for your situation.
- **I am currently in the prerequisite phase of the credential program. Will I need to reapply for phase II?**
 - If you are a current student in the prerequisite phase of the credential program (not current seniors), you must complete a Qualtrics application for full admission to the student teaching phase of the program. This application is available on the [School of Education Admissions Page](#)

- **Are both CBEST and CSET required for the teacher credential program or are there courses available to substitute the exams?**
 - CBEST fulfills the basic skills requirement, and CSET fulfills the subject matter competency requirement. Both requirements have alternative methods to fulfill them. Please visit the Commission on Teacher Credentialing website for more information, or visit a counselor to discuss which option fits your individual case.

- **I have not taken/ passed the CBEST exam—can I apply to the program?**
 - No, we require all students to receive a passing score on the CBEST before applying to our prerequisite phase of the credential program.

- **Are online courses offered for the credential program?**
 - The credential program at CI offers face to face instruction, with minimal online coursework.

- **Is a Bachelor's Degree required in order to apply to the Credential Program?**
 - A bachelor's degree is required to be completed or in progress to be completed, to be eligible to apply to the credential program, except for students pursuing the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP).

- **What is the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP)?**
 - ITEP is a comprehensive teacher preparation program that enables CI students to obtain a BA in Liberal Studies and complete the multiple subject teaching credential program in four years.

- **Is a Liberal Studies or Early Childhood degree required in order to pursue teaching?**
 - No, a degree in any discipline is acceptable.

- **Is there a specific location I need to have my TB test completed?**
 - No, we accept a TB test from any location, as long as it is either a skin test or a chest x-ray. We do not accept Tuberculosis Symptom Screening Questionnaires in lieu of a skin or chest x-ray.

- **I received a Certificate of Clearance for a prerequisite course- is an additional Certification of Clearance required for the Teacher Credential Program?**
 - No, we will utilize the same Certificate of Clearance from your prerequisite course. You will need to submit a copy of your certificate with your credential application.

- **Where can I receive more information about the Intern program?**

The intern option is available for applicants pursuing the Education Specialist credential program. Prospective students should schedule an appointment with the Education Specialist counselor.

- **How do I know which CPR training is required for the credential program?**
 - Students must obtain CPR training which covers Adult, Child, and Infants. The training is not an application requirement, but must be completed to be eligible to be recommended for a preliminary credential.

- **How do I sign up for CBEST? CSET?**
 - You can sign up for both the CBEST and the CSET here <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/> .

- **Does the Teacher Recruitment Program provide access to the CSET Spanish Subtest III study guide?**
 - No, unfortunately the Teacher Recruitment Program does not provide CSET Spanish Subtest III test preparation. However, please visit the CTC website for practice CSET Spanish Subtest III tests http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/CA_CSET145_PrepMaterials.html .

- **I was waitlisted for a class, now the class is full—how do I move forward?**
 - Please contact the class instructor on how to proceed.