

Basic Skills Requirement

Candidates must complete the Basic Skills Requirement through one of the eight available options. Parts of different options may not be combined to meet the Basic Skills Requirement*. For example, an individual cannot combine passage of the mathematics section of the EAP with the reading section of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) and the writing section of the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET): Writing Skills Examination.

1. **Passage of the CBEST** (passing scores remain valid indefinitely for all credential purposes)
2. **Passage of the CSET: Multiple Subjects plus the CSET: Writing Skills Examination***
(For Multiple Subject and Education Specialist candidates only)

Options for Meeting the Basic Skills Requirement other than the CBEST or CSET Examination:

3. **Demonstrated proficiency on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP)**
(English and Math sections passed in the 11th grade) – Score Requirements: “College Ready” or “Exempt”
4. **Demonstrated proficiency on both English and Math CSU Placement Exams**
English Placement Test (EPT) - Score of 151 or above
Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) - Score of 50 or above
5. **Passage of a Basic Skills Exam from another state** – the list of Basic Skills examinations from other states accepted by the Commission can be found at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf>
6. **Achievement of minimum acceptable scores on the College Board SAT Exam**
English (formerly “Critical Reading” or “Verbal”) - Score of 500 or above
Math - Score of 550 or above
Link for College Board SAT Equivalence Table showing recentered scores for tests completed prior to April 1995:
<https://research.collegeboard.org/programs/sat/data/equivalence/sat-individual>
7. **Achievement of minimum acceptable scores on ACT exam**
English - Score of 22 or above
Math - Score of 23 or above
8. **Achievement of acceptable scores on the College Board Advanced Placement Examinations (AP)**
English Score Requirement of 3 or above on: AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature & Composition
Math Score Requirement of 3 or above on: AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics

*Candidates using only the CSU examinations to meet the BSR, however, may combine scores from the EAP and the EPT/ELM examinations to meet the BSR as long as the individual passes a section of English and a section of Mathematics. For example, an individual may combine passage of the Mathematics EAP and the CSU Placement Examination in English (EPT) to satisfy the BSR.