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IMPACT District Intern Program • Teacher's College of San Joaquin
Teacher Development (209-468-9116) Email: teacherDevelopment@sjcoe.net

EXAM INFORMATION

These exams are NOT required to apply to IMPACT.

These ARE required to be an intern and earn a CA credential (some exceptions for early childhood authorization).

CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test) www.CBEST.nesinc.com 916-928-4001

If you are going to take the multiple subject CSET you may not need to take the CBEST. Candidates who pass all three subtests of CSET Multiple Subjects, AND the new CSET Writing Skills test, will be considered proficient in the skills of reading, writing, and mathematics and will not be required to take the CBEST.

SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY

California requires verification of teachers' knowledge of the subject to be taught in order to have a multiple, single or education specialist credential (except for early childhood authorization, for which it is not required). This means teachers must demonstrate subject-matter competency. Additionally, the No Child Left Behind Act requires that states guarantee every classroom is staffed by a "highly qualified teacher." "Highly qualified", among other things, is defined as a teacher who has demonstrated subject-matter competency (a District Intern Credential meets this definition). Subject matter competency can be demonstrated by passing the appropriate CSET exam. For single subjects ONLY, students may have completed a subject matter program with an approved college, and there are other CTC verifications available. For more details about single subject matter competency, call our credential technician office at 209-468-9132.

CSET (California Subject Examinations for Teachers) www.cset.nesinc.com 916-928-4003

The website has practice exams and mentions other preparation resources. Passing the CSET fulfills the subject matter competency requirement. **Early Childhood authorization for an Education Specialist Credential does not require candidates to demonstrate subject matter competency.** Call our credential technician office if needed, for clarification of which exam you should take (209-468-9132).

TEST PREPARATION RESOURCES (Contact resource listed for current schedules and more details. You may also find other resources by doing an internet search, e.g. CSET test preparation, English CSET test preparation). Our program has no test preparation program.

- University of the Pacific is now offering test preparation for CBEST and CSET. Call the UOP Educational Resource Center 209-946-2458 or email ERC@pacific.edu
- Stanislaus County Office of Education 209-238-1318
- CSU Stanislaus Extended Education Department 209-667-3111
- Study Guide Books for CSET & CBEST available at local bookstores (e.g. publications XAM, Cliffs, Barrons, Boosalis)

U.S. CONSTITUTION EXAM For Teacher Credential Candidates

Required only if the requirement was not met through your college course work. Contact the following offices to arrange for a test date. If you graduated from a CSU you HAVE met the requirement. An appropriate course must have specifically studied the U.S. Constitution (. The following colleges provide the exam.

- Modesto Junior College Testing Center • 209-575-7728 • Modesto, CA
- American River College • 916-4856000 • Sacramento, CA

If you have enrolled in our program and attend or are near the SJCOE office, we have a study book that you may borrow a week or so before you plan to take the exam. (*The Constitution of the United States-An Introduction*, by Floyd G. Cullop, a Mentor book published by New American Library, a division of Penguin Group, NY)

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (C.C.T.C.) is the agency responsible for accreditation of teacher preparation programs. Leaflets and other important and pertinent information is available on their website.
www.ctc.ca.gov