

Subject Matter Requirements

This requirement is applicable only to applicants applying for the Mild Moderate Support Needs or Moderate Severe/Extensive Support Needs credential

Subject matter proficiency may be demonstrated through one of the following options:

- 1) Completion of a [subject matter program](#) approved by the commission.
- 2) Passage of a subject matter [examination](#) (the California Subject Examination for Teachers or CSET).
- 3) Successful completion of coursework at one or more regionally accredited institutions of higher education that addresses each of the domains of the subject matter requirements adopted by the commission in the content area of the credential pursuant to Section 44282, as verified by a Commission-approved program of professional preparation.
- 4) Successful completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with the following, as applicable:
 - For single subject credentials, a major in one of the subject areas in which the commission credentials candidates.
 - For multiple subject credentials, a liberal studies major or other degree that includes coursework in the content areas pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 44282. *See [PSA 21-10](#)*
 - For education specialist credentials, either a major in one of the subject areas in which the commission credentials candidates or a liberal studies or other major that includes coursework in the content areas pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 44282. *See [PSA 21-10](#)*
- 5) Through a combination of the methods described in clauses (1), (2), and (3) in whole or in part, has met or exceeded each of the domains of the subject matter requirements adopted by the commission in the content area of the credential pursuant to Section 44282 for multiple and single subject credentials, or pursuant to Section 44265 for education specialist credentials.

How to submit proof of meeting this requirement

- For option 1, upload to your student portal in the section titled, My Files
 - Proof of Registration to take exam
 - Proof of exam attempt (passing or not)
 - Passing Scores 1 or more subtests
- For option 2, submit an official transcript that provides
 - Proof of a BA in one of these exact majors with a link
- For option 3, complete the [Subject Matter Coursework Evaluation Request](#)