

CSU, Channel Islands School of Education
Credential Program Application Requirements

POST BACCALAUREATES APPLYING FOR FULL CREDENTIAL STATUS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

This application is for admitted Phase I students ready to advance to Phase II Student Teaching. Phase II of the credential program begins in the fall semester of each academic year.

2026-2027 Academic Year	Fall 2026 Admission
Application Open	January 9, 2026
Application Deadline	April 6, 2026

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Questions?

- ❖ [Teacher Credential Admission Information](#)
- ❖ [FAQ- Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Application Assistance

- ❖ [Fall 2026 Admission: Application Assistance Schedule](#)
- ❖ [Fall 2026 Application Workshop SLIDES: Step-by- step instructions for uploading program requirements.](#)

All requirements must be submitted via the application deadline.*Requirements may be updated to reflect the most current application cycle.

- ❖ **Phase I Admission**
 - This application is only for current Phase I students ready to advance to Phase II- Student Teaching.
 - If you are not a current Phase I student, please refer to the [Credential Pathways](#) document to determine the correct application guide to reference.
- ❖ **Student Teaching Application**
 - Eligible candidates will receive an invitation to apply via email.
- ❖ **Coursework**
 - **US Constitution Requirement-** Information on this requirement can be found at: [U.S. Constitution Requirement](#)
 - **If met via AP credit:** upload unofficial transcript highlighting you have met this requirement.
 - **If met via examination:** upload certificate of completion.
 - **If met via coursework:** within the application, indicate the course that meets this requirement using the course prefix, course number, course title, institution where course was taken, grade, and term course was completed (eg. *POLS 150 American Political Institution, CSUCL, Spring 2020*).

- **Credential Prerequisite Courses (17 units)**- Must be completed or in progress at the time of application; All [credential prerequisite courses](#) must be completed with a C or better prior to enrolling in Phase II of the program. All prerequisite courses must be taken within 7 years of credential program application.
 - **Bilingual Authorization Candidates** are required to complete an additional 9 units of prerequisites.
- ❖ **45 Hours of Field Experience**
 - **No upload required.** Fieldwork experience can be met by successful completion of 45 hours of pre-service (supervised participatory observation) in either EDMS 422 or EDMS 424 (or equivalent).
- ❖ **Credential Program Interview**
 - Guidance on the interview requirement will be provided during the application review process.
- ❖ **Advising session verification**
 - Upload verification of attending a [30-minute "first-time" or "follow up" advising appointment with a credential counselor](#) (**attendance to 15 minute Application Assistance will not meet this requirement**). Verification letters will be emailed to individuals once an advising session has been completed.
- ❖ **Subject Matter Competency Requirement**

The CTC provides more information on [how to satisfy this requirement](#).
The Subject Matter Requirement can be met by one of the following:

 - **Passing CSET exam scores:** Upload passing CSET score reports. Information about CSET Exams can be found on the [CTC website](#).
 - **Qualifying Degree:** Upload transcript showing the SMR has been [met via qualifying degree/major](#).
 - **Coursework Evaluation:** Upload complete SMR Coursework evaluation. Coursework must be aligned with all [Domains in Subject Matter Requirements](#) related to your credential areas. Contact your Credential Counselor for a coursework evaluation template relevant to your credential area.
 - **Completion of Subject Matter Program:** Upload Signed Subject Matter Program Waiver or transcript.
- Bilingual Authorization (BLA) Candidates** are required to meet the Spanish Language Subject Matter Requirement. Please upload one of the following:

 - [CSET Spanish III](#) passing score report.
- ❖ **One Letter of Recommendation**
 - A letter of recommendation will be required when applying to Phase II.
 - Applicants must submit their recommender's information via the [letter of recommendation request form](#).
- ❖ **Education Specialist Intern Applicants:** Effective October 30, 2025: We do not offer

an intern pathway for the Education Specialist Credential Program. The intern pathway has been placed on inactive status with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.