

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, CSUCI, 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.