

Multiple Subject Credential/Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program Admission Requirements Overview (As of 6/2/26)

Deadlines (Complete all requirements by the due date(s) to be considered for admission) See "How to Apply" webpage for further details		
Spring 2027	October 1, 2026	Opens July 1st
Summer 2027	February 1, 2027 (anticipated)	Opens November 1st
Fall 2027	April 1, 2027 (anticipated)	Opens August 1st

Admissions Requirement	Standard Requirements	Notes
Application	Cal State Apply	ITEP/BITEP/SAGE applicants submit directly to the Teacher Education Department
GPA	2.5 overall 2.75 SAGE only	- A "B" or 3.0 must be maintained and achieved in this graduate-level program to earn a credential. - SAGE students must have a 3.0 at the point of transitioning to graduate status
Subject Matter Competency Requirement:	Required by deadline One or more areas of competency must be demonstrated at the time of application, or you must provide proof of progress* toward meeting this requirement. Subject Matter Competency may be demonstrated through one of the following options. Additional details are available on the CTC website. Options: - CTC approved Subject Matter Preparation Program - CSET subtests (3) - Coursework - requires evaluation - Appropriate Degree	Coursework Evaluation (SMC Lite) Request instructions. You can apply for an evaluation as soon as you have an SJSU ID (7-10 days after SJSU receives your application) - SJSU ChAD majors need documentation; follow instructions at the SMC Lite link - A Liberal Studies, Liberal Arts or Elementary Education major (completed or in progress) will completely fulfill this requirement. *Progress is defined as having passed, attempted, or registered for a CSET exam (within 6 weeks of the application deadline), enrolled in a prep course or having applied for a coursework evaluation (upload email reply from Credential Services) - International Bachelor's Degree? The SMC Lite coursework option likely will not work and you should plan to take the CSET exams

	5. Combination of options 1, 2, and 3 in whole or in part	Interns: SMC must be FULLY met to be issued an intern credential. NOTE: Timeline for meeting Subject Matter Competency during the program: Admission: 1 CSET passed or in progress, qualifying major, or SMC Lite Mid-Semester of Semester 1: 2 CSETs passed, qualifying major or SMC Lite Mid-Semester of Semester 2: Fully met
Field Experience	Required by deadline Experience in a public school setting OR a qualifying field experience course	- Click here for the Field Experience form - Experience must be within the last 5 years - Verifying signatures or documentation should be provided. Self-attestation is allowed. - LSTP185 and ChAD159 fully meet this requirement and should be noted on the form. Priority is given to applicants who have completed this requirement in a public school setting; alternate experience may be included
Certificate of Clearance Video Guidance	Required by deadline	- Can take several weeks to process; plan accordingly. Note it is a multi-step process. Steps to Apply: Step 3 - Any state-issued substitute or child development permit can be used as an alternative - You can apply for this document using a Social Security # or Tax ID # (TIN) - International students should contact International Student and Scholar Services for advising about if a social security or tax ID # is possible in their particular circumstances - If you are currently living outside of CA or the USA, please contact the Admissions Coordinator for advising
Resume	Required	1-page
Personal Statement	Required Two prompts available: LINK >>Step 3>>Personal Statement 2nd statement required for Bilingual Authorization Candidates	Bilingual Candidates (Spanish) must submit a second statement in Spanish. "Why I want to be a bilingual educator, in particular" Mandarin candidates need to submit a statement in Mandarin. Vietnamese Bilingual Candidates should submit this second statement in English.
Letters of Recommendation	Two required. Up to 4 may be submitted. Letters should be submitted by the application deadline.	- Letters are requested via CalState Apply (except for SAGE/ITEP students) - Letters must include the name of the recommender, the date, and how they know you--and be written within the past 2 years.

		- Letters should be on letterhead if possible, and be from someone in a supervisor role. - They should speak to your qualities as a potential professional educator including dispositions, experience, and/or interest in working with youth and other qualities relevant to teaching. It is highly recommended that you wait until your letters are uploaded to your application before you submit.
Transcripts	Required Submit transcripts from all schools aside from SJSU, including community college.	- Transcripts are due within 20 days of the application deadline. We suggest requesting transcripts when you submit your application. - See details here: Domestic Application International Application - International students OR applicants with an international transcript have additional admission requirements.
International Applicants	International students OR applicants with an international transcript have additional admission requirements.	International Steps to Admission - Foreign Degree Evaluation - English Language Proficiency - BSR Evaluation

After Admission

TB Test or TB Risk Assessment	Required	- Submit <i>within</i> 1 month after acceptance. - Submit to the Department directly - You may choose to submit this with your application - TB Tests are good for 4 years.
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Have questions? We're here to help!

- ❖ luriecollege-teacheradmissions@sjsu.edu
- ❖ Teacher Education Department: 408-924-2300
- ❖ See [Admissions Advising](#) for virtual, drop-in or in-person advising options.