

MULTIPLE SUBJECT PRE-CREDENTIAL TESTING REQUIREMENTS HUTCHINS TRACK II and TRACK III

All Multiple Subject Credential Candidates must fulfill *both* the Basic Skills Requirement and the Subject Matter Competence Requirement.

Basic Skills Requirement:

California Multiple Subject Credential candidates* have *two* testing options to fulfill the Basic Skills requirement. Sections from different examination options may not be combined; candidates must pass one option in its entirety. *If candidates have already passed the CBEST they do not need to take the CSET: Writing Skills.* Regardless of the option used, once a basic skills examination is passed the score is valid indefinitely.

- Option 1: Passage of all three subtests of CSET: Multiple Subjects *plus* the CSET: Writing Skills
OR
- Option 2: Passage of all three sections of the CBEST

Subject Matter Competence Requirement:

As of July 1st, 2004 the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) is an admission requirement into all Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Programs. All candidates must meet the subject matter competence requirement for a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential by earning passing scores on CSET: Multiple Subjects.

* Blended Track III **must take CBEST** spring of freshman year, and take CSET: Multiple Subjects spring of junior year. CSET: Multiple Subjects *with CSET: Writing Skills is not an option to fulfill the Basic Skills Requirement for Blended Track III.* Track II may take either CBEST or CSET: Writing Skills test and CSET: Multiple Subjects junior/senior year. Single Subject Credential requires CBEST. Education Specialist I Credential candidates planning on taking the CSET: Multiple Subjects exam to meet subject matter competency may take the CSET: Multiple Subjects (3 subtests) *plus* Writing Skills in order to meet the basic skills requirement. All other Education Specialist I Credential candidates must take the CBEST.

CSET INFORMATION:

Visit www.cset.nesinc.com for registration information, test dates, practice tests, test information, etc.

- Examinations of the CSET are administered in morning and afternoon test sessions that are five hours in length.
- CSET: Multiple Subjects consists of three separate subtests, each of which is composed of both multiple choice and constructed response questions. Subtest I: Reading, Language and Literature, History and Social Science. Subtest II: Science and Mathematics. Subtest III: Physical Education, Human Development, Visual and Performing Arts. CSET: Writing Skills consists of Expository Writing and Expressive Writing.
- CSET examinations are offered every other month. See www.cset.nesinc.com for specifics. It may take 6 to 8 weeks for your official scores to be reported to the School of Education Credentials Department. You may receive your scores before the Credentials Department does. If you are in the process of applying for admission to the credential program, share your scores with the Credentials Department as soon as you receive them.
- To pass an examination of the CSET, you must earn a passing score on each of the examination's required subtests. Each CSET subtest is scored separately. Once you pass a subtest, you do not need to take that subtest again as long as you use the score to earn certification within five years of the test date on which it was achieved. If you do not pass one or more subtests, you may register for and retake the subtests that you have not passed.

- There is no limit to the number of times you may take any subtest not passed. Each time you retake one or more subtests, however, you must complete the registration process (and pay) again.
- Blended Track III students must take CSET spring of Junior year. If necessary, may retake CSET summer between Junior and Senior year. Blended students must pass all 3 subtests of the CSET: Multiple Subjects before progressing to full time student teaching. Track II students must have passed or be in progress of passing CSET: Multiple Subjects at the time of application to the Credential Program. Verification of passage of all three CSET: Multiple Subjects must be provided by Track II students to the Credentials office prior to full admission to the Credential program.
- Costs: CSET: Multiple Subjects \$70.00 per subtest, CSET: Writing Skills \$35.00

CBEST INFORMATION:

Visit www.cbest.nesinc.com for registration information, test dates, practice tests, test information, etc.

- The CBEST is designed to test basic reading, mathematics, and writing skills found to be important for the job of an educator; the test is not designed to measure the ability to teach those skills.
- The CBEST consist of three sections:
 - Reading Section (50 multiple choice questions). Assesses your ability to comprehend information presented in written passages, tables and graphs.
 - Mathematics Section (50 multiple choice questions). Requires you to solve mathematical problems. Most of the questions are presented as word problems.
 - Writing Section (2 essay topics). Includes two writing topics that asses your ability to write effectively. You must respond to both topics. One topic asks you to analyze a given situation or statement; the other asks you to write about a specified personal experience. You are not expected to demonstrate any specialized knowledge in your responses.
- You may take one, two or three sections of the CBEST at a given test administration. You do not have to pass all three sections at a single test administration.
- The CBEST may be taken as often as necessary until a passing score is achieved. Each time you retake the test, however, you must complete the registration process (and pay) again.
- Candidates who obtain a passing score on any section of the CBEST need not repeat that section. It may be to your advantage, however, to repeat a section already passed. An increase might help you reach the total score required to pass. The highest score that you obtain on each section, no matter when earned, will be used to compute your total CBEST score.
- Once the entire CBEST has been passed, it need never be taken again to qualify for the issuance or renewal of any credential in the future.
- Cost: \$41.00 per test administration.

Don't forget the WEPT (Written English Proficiency Test) required for SSU graduation! Take the WEPT after completing 60 units. For WEPT information visit www.sonoma.edu/programs/writingcenter/wept.html