



California State University, Sacramento
College of Education, Credential Analysts' Office
6000 J Street • Eureka Hall 209 • Sacramento, CA 95819-6079
(916) 278-4567 • (916) 278-6175 FAX
www.edweb.csus.edu/credentials_office

Adding Authorizations to a Single Subject Credential

As the holder of a Single Subject Credential, you are authorized to teach a specific subject in a departmentalized classroom in grades 12 and below. Departmentalized classrooms are generally found in middle, junior high, or high schools, where one teacher is assigned to teach one subject area or areas to multiple groups of students. If you are interested in teaching in a specific subject matter area, you may wish to add an authorization to your credential. You may also be interested in obtaining a Multiple Subject Credential to teach in a self-contained classroom.

Supplementary Authorizations are based upon 20 (or 10 upper-division) semester units of coursework in a specific area. Introductory Supplementary Authorizations authorize instruction in a departmentalized classroom in grades 9 and below, and Specific Supplementary Authorizations authorize instruction in a departmentalized classroom at any grade level. Although they may be added to a teaching credential, Supplementary Authorizations in the core academic areas of Art, English, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Music, Science, and Social Science are **not** “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) compliant.

Introductory Subject Matter Authorizations are based upon 32 semester units of coursework in specific areas or a degree major, and **are** NCLB compliant in all areas. Requirements are specific to the academic areas. Subject Matter Authorizations authorize the holder to teach the subject matter content in grades 9 and below. Specific Subject Matter Authorizations authorize the holder to teach the specific subject in preschool through twelfth grade, and classes organized primarily for adults.

Added Authorizations can be added to a valid Single Subject credential by verifying subject matter competency (CSET examinations or an approved waiver program) in the new subject area, and submitting an application.

Multiple Subject Credentials authorize the holder to teach in a self-contained classroom and are NCLB compliant. Self-contained classrooms are usually found in elementary schools at the preschool through sixth grade level, where all subjects are taught by a single teacher to one group of students. A Single Subject credential holder may obtain a Multiple Subject credential by verifying subject matter competency (CSET Multiple Subject Examination), completing a 3 semester unit course in subject matter pedagogy directly related to teaching in a self-contained setting, either completing a course in alternative methods of developing English language skills or passing the Reading Instruction Competency Assessment (RICA), and completing an application for the credential.

See the chart on the opposite side for specific information. There may be additional requirements for certain academic areas of Subject Matter Authorizations.

To request an evaluation for an added authorization please contact the Credentials Office



California State University, Sacramento
 College of Education, Credential Analysts' Office
 6000 J Street • Eureka Hall 209 • Sacramento, CA 95819-6079
 (916) 278-4567 • (916) 278-6175 FAX
 www.edweb.csus.edu/credentials_office

	Introductory Supplementary Authorization	Specific Supplementary Authorization	Introductory Subject Matter Authorization	Specific Subject Matter Authorization	Additional Single Subject Area	Multiple Subject Credential
Type	Added to a Single Subject credential	Added to a Single Subject credential	Added to a Single Subject credential	Added to a Single Subject credential	Added to a Single Subject credential	Separate Multiple Subject Credential
Authorization	Subject matter content in grades 9 and below	Subject matter content in grades preschool, K-12 and adults	Subject matter content in grades 9 and below (NCLB core academic subject areas)	Subject matter content in grades preschool, K-12 and adults	Subject matter content in grades preschool, K-12 and adults	Subject matter content in grades preschool, K-12 and adults
Requirements	Degree major OR 20 (or 10 upper division) semester units; 1 course in each content area	Degree major OR 20 (or 10 upper division) semester units; science, home economics & family life require courses in specific content areas	Degree major OR 32 semester units; 1 course in each content area; science requires 6 semester units in each area	Degree major OR 32 semester units; History requires 16 semester units in both US and world history	Pass CSET subject exam or complete wavier program	a) Pass CSET Multiple Subject exam b) Complete an Elementary Methods course c) Pass RICA or Elementary reading course
NCLB Compliant?	No , except for non-academic core areas	No , except for non-academic core areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Subjects Available	Agriculture, Art, Business, Computer Concepts & Applications, English, Health Science, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science, Social Science	Accounting (incl Finance), Agricultural Mechanics, Animal Science, Anthropology, Auto Mechanics, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Child Development (Home Ec), Clothing & Textiles (Home Ec), Comparative Political Systems & Int'l Relations, Computer Concepts & Applications, Consumer Education (Home Ec), Crafts, incl Jewelry & Ceramics (Art), Dance, Drafting, Drama, Economics, Economic & Consumer Educ, Electronics, English Composition, Family Life & Parenting (Home Ec), Family Life	Art, English, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science	Art History/ Appreciation, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Civics/ Government, Dance, Drama/Theatre, Economics, English Composition, Geography, Geosciences, History, Instrumental Music, Literature, Photography, Physics, Plant Science, Three-Dimensional Art, Vocal Music	Agriculture, Art, Biol. Sciences (Specialized), Business, Chemistry (Specialized), English, Foundational Level General Science, Foundational Level Math, Geosciences (Specialized), Health Science, Home Economics, Industrial& Tech Education, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics (Specialized), Sci: Biological Sciences, Sci:Chemistry, Sci:Geosciences, Sci:Physics, Social Science	General Subjects



California State University, Sacramento
College of Education, Credential Analysts' Office
 6000 J Street • Eureka Hall 209 • Sacramento, CA 95819-6079
 (916) 278-4567 • (916) 278-6175 FAX
www.edweb.csus.edu/credentials_office

	Introductory Supplementary Authorization	Specific Supplementary Authorization	Introductory Subject Matter Authorization	Specific Subject Matter Authorization	Additional Single Subject Area	Multiple Subject Credential
		Educ incl Drug, Alcohol & Tobacco Use Prevention (Health Sci), Food & Nutrition (Home Ec), Forestry & Horticulture, Geography, Geosciences, Graphic Arts, Industrial Crafts & Plastics, Instrumental Music, Interior Design (Home Ec), Journalism, Literature, Marketing/ Entrepreneurship, Metals (Industrial Arts), Office Technol- ogies incl Word Processing & Business Communications, Orna-mental Horticulture, Painting & Drawing, Photography, Physics, Plant Science, Plastics (Industrial Arts), Psychology, Sociology, Speech, US government & US civics, US history & CA history, Vocal Music, Woods (Industrial Arts), World history				