The image features a stack of papers on a light brown wooden desk. The top paper is white with a dark blue border and contains the text 'DO YOU WANT TO BE A TEACHER?' in a bold, black, rounded font. To the left, a green sheet of lined paper is partially visible. In the bottom left corner, there are two blue pencils with yellow erasers. In the bottom right corner, there is a blue and green pen. On the right side, three paper clips are attached to the papers: one blue, one green, and one red.

**DO YOU WANT TO
BE A TEACHER?**

BECOMING A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER

**Demonstrate
knowledge of what
you will teach -
Subject Matter
Competency**

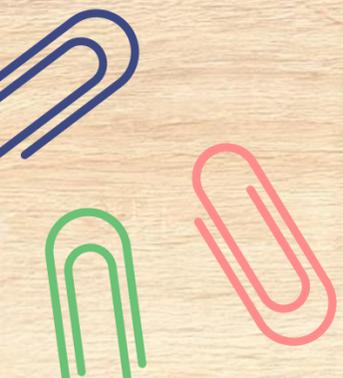
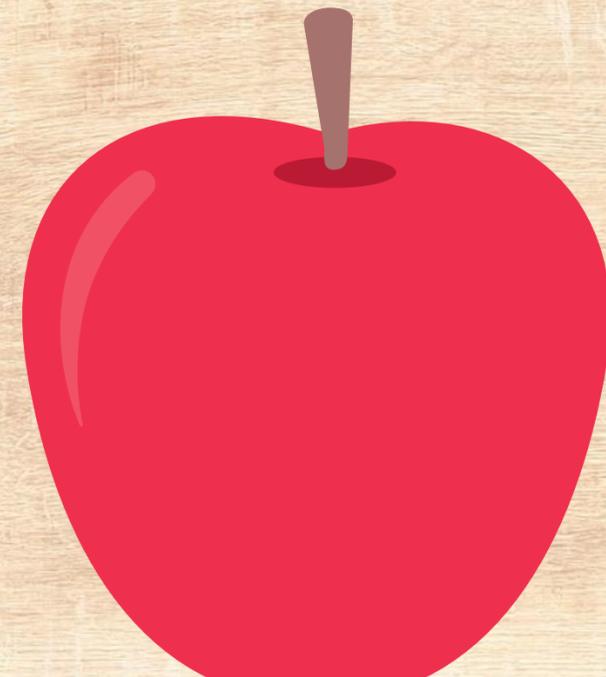
**Demonstrate you
know how to
teach - complete a
teacher preparation
program**

PROGRAM OPTIONS: GENERAL ED

PK-3

Multiple Subjects

Single Subject



PROGRAM OPTIONS: ED SPECIALIST

Mild/Moderate Support Needs (MMSN)

Early Childhood (ECSE)

Deaf & Hard of Hearing (DHH)

Extensive Support Needs (ESN)*

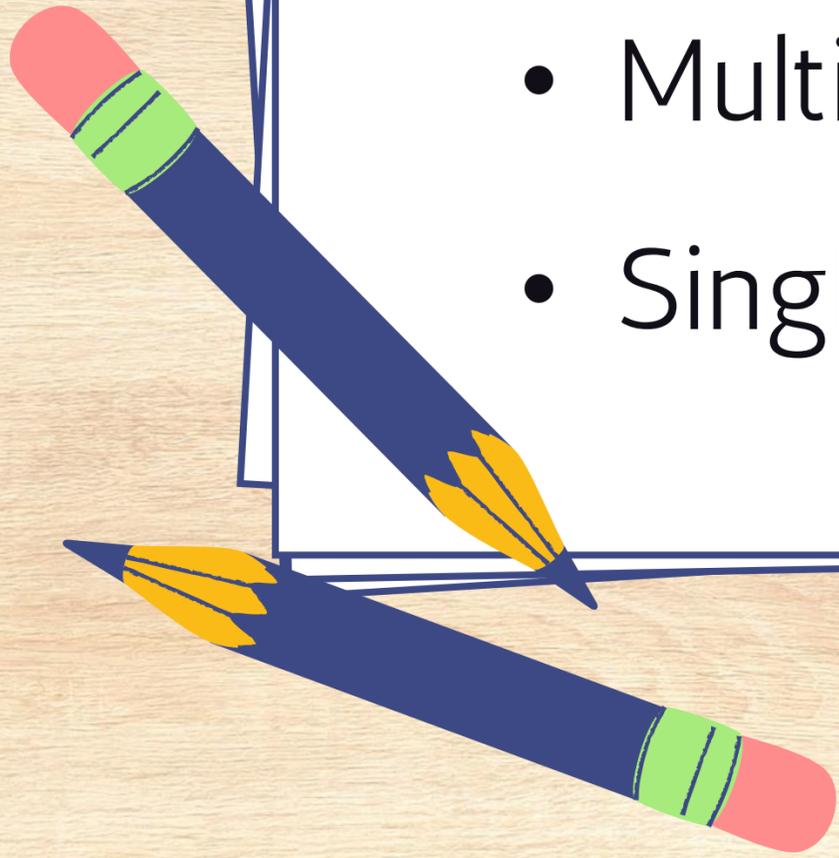
*formally moderate/severe

Sac State students can consider a minor in
Special Education for those curious about
this career pathway



PROGRAM STRUCTURE: GEN ED

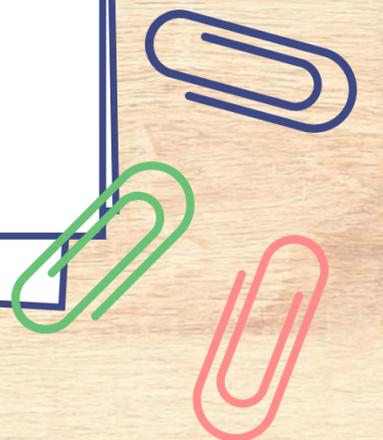
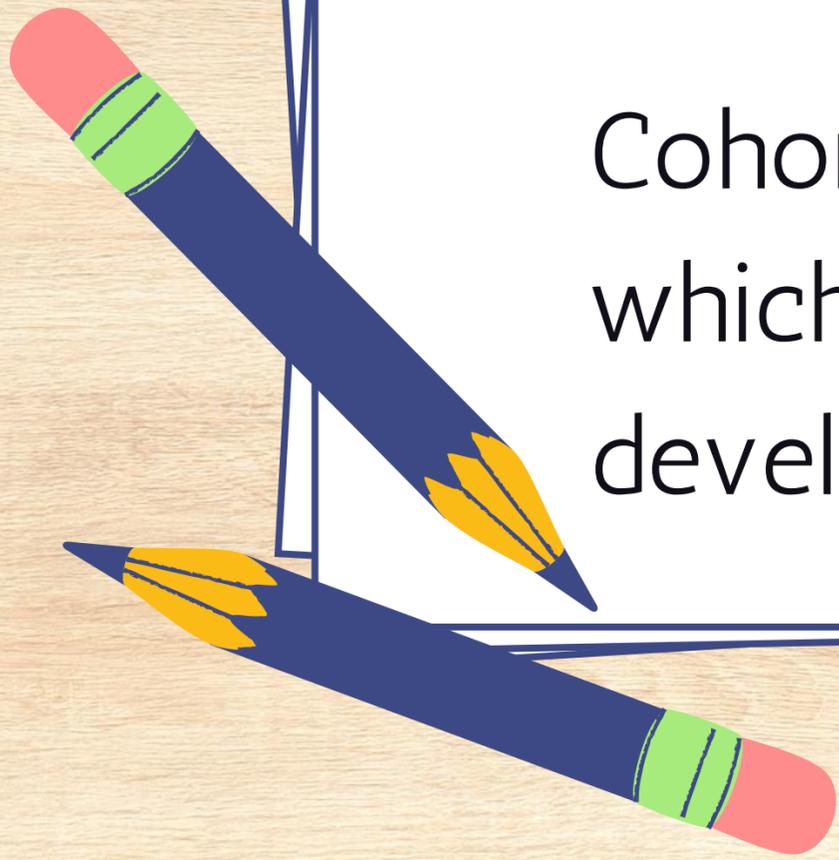
- PK - 3: 3 semester (summer start) hybrid program
- Multiple: 2 or 3 semester in person program
- Single: 2 semester in person program



PROGRAM STRUCTURE: COHORT

Students are admitted into small cohorts of 25-30 students

Cohort model offers a community of support which focuses on the individual and their development



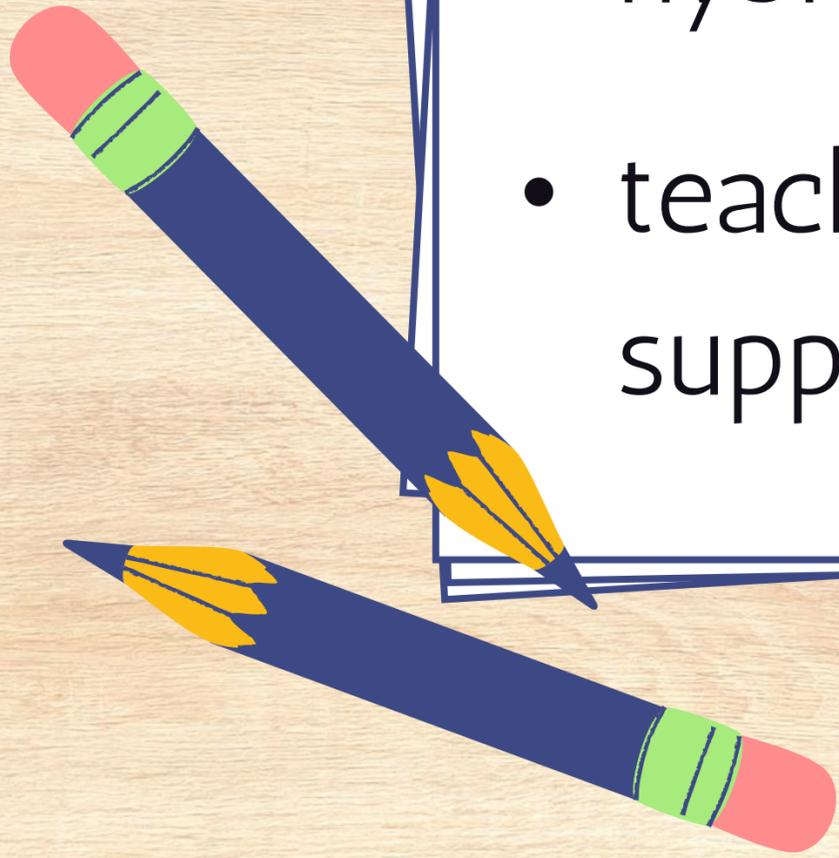
PROGRAM STRUCTURE: ECSE

**Early Childhood
(ECSE): Online, teach
students with all
disabilities, birth -
Kindergarten**

**ECSE Added
Authorization: online
add on for students
who already hold an
Education Specialist
Credential**

PROGRAM STRUCTURE: MILD/MODERATE SUPPORT NEEDS

- hybrid program
- teaches students with mild/moderate support needs from kindergarten - age 22



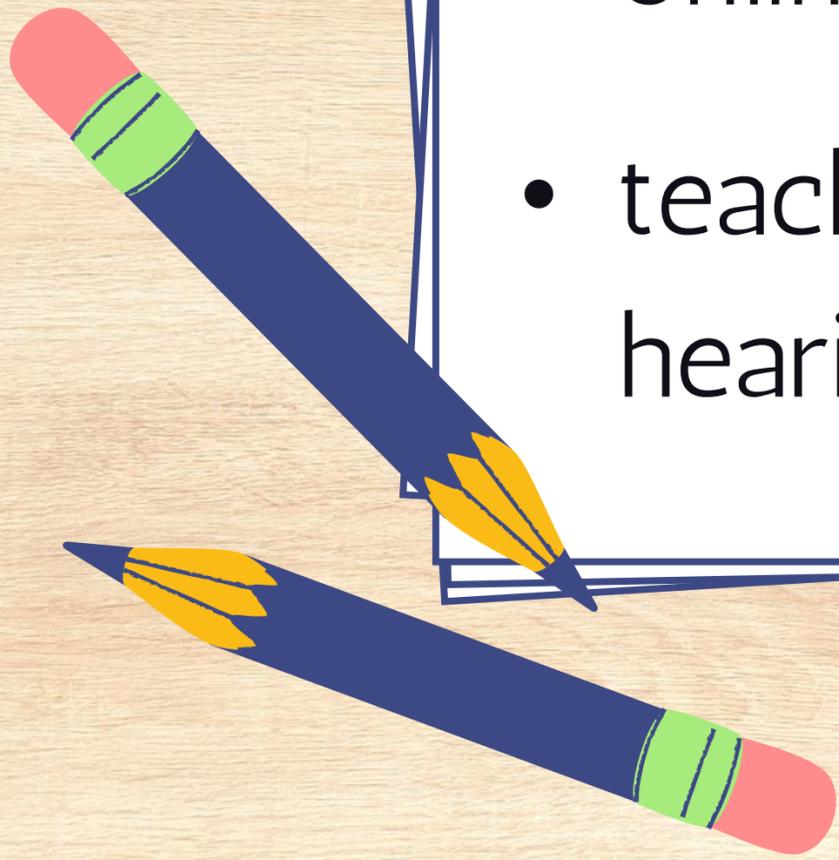
PROGRAM STRUCTURE: EXTENSIVE SUPPORT NEEDS

- online program
- teaches students with extensive support needs from kindergarten - age 22



PROGRAM STRUCTURE: DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

- online program
- teaches students who are deaf or hard of hearing from birth - age 22



EDUCATION SPECIALIST: 1 YEAR PATHWAY

summer - fall - spring
option to apply for
SMTR scholarship
(ECSE, MMSN, ESN)



SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY (SMC)

pass the CSET exam in
your subject area

major in your subject area

complete coursework that
meets competency in the subject area

****SMC is not required for ECSE****

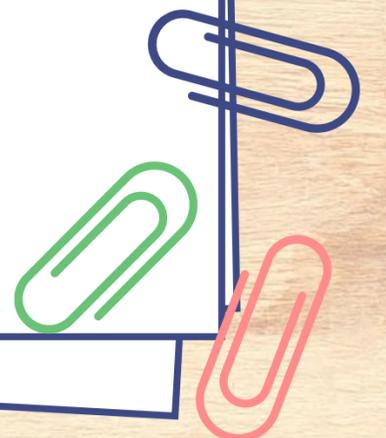
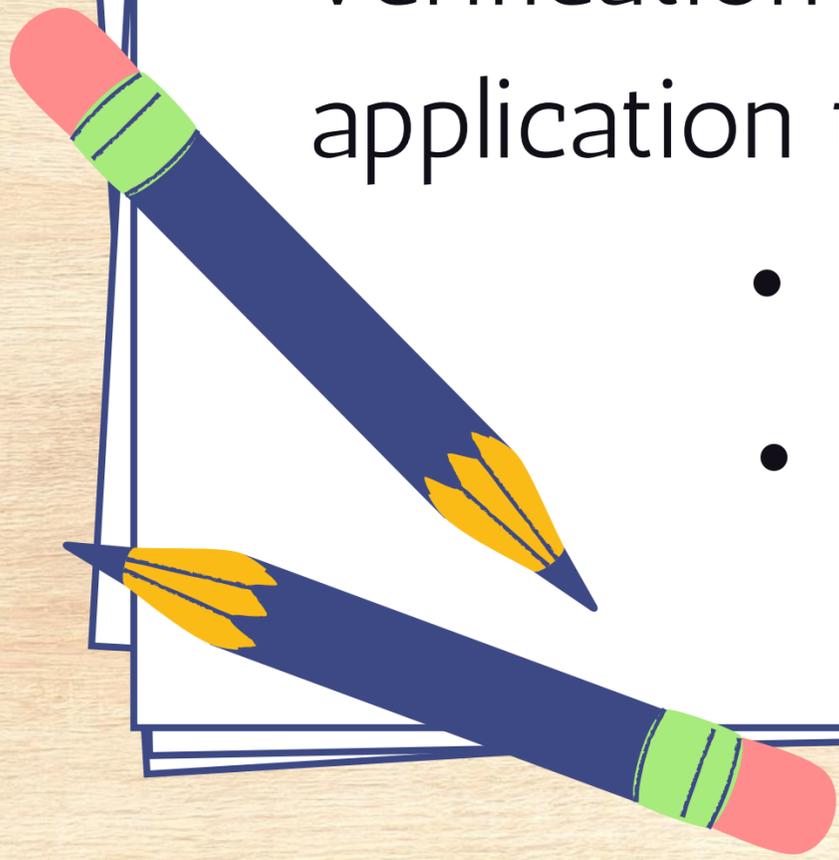


SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY

How to verify SMC if you are not using the CSET:

have your major advisor complete a subject matter verification form or complete the survey in the application to

- verify your major meets SMC
- verify your coursework meets SMC



NOTES ON THE CSET EXAM

Subject Area:

English, Science, Math, Social Science, Multiple Subject

Testing Options:

Continuous Computer based testing options offered Monday – Friday

Subject Area:

Art, Health Science, PE, Music, World Language, Home Ec

Testing Options:

Four week testing blocks throughout the year
(check website for testing blocks)

PREREQUISITE COURSES

PUBH 136: School Health Education

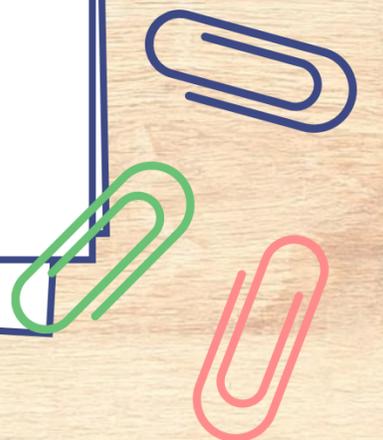
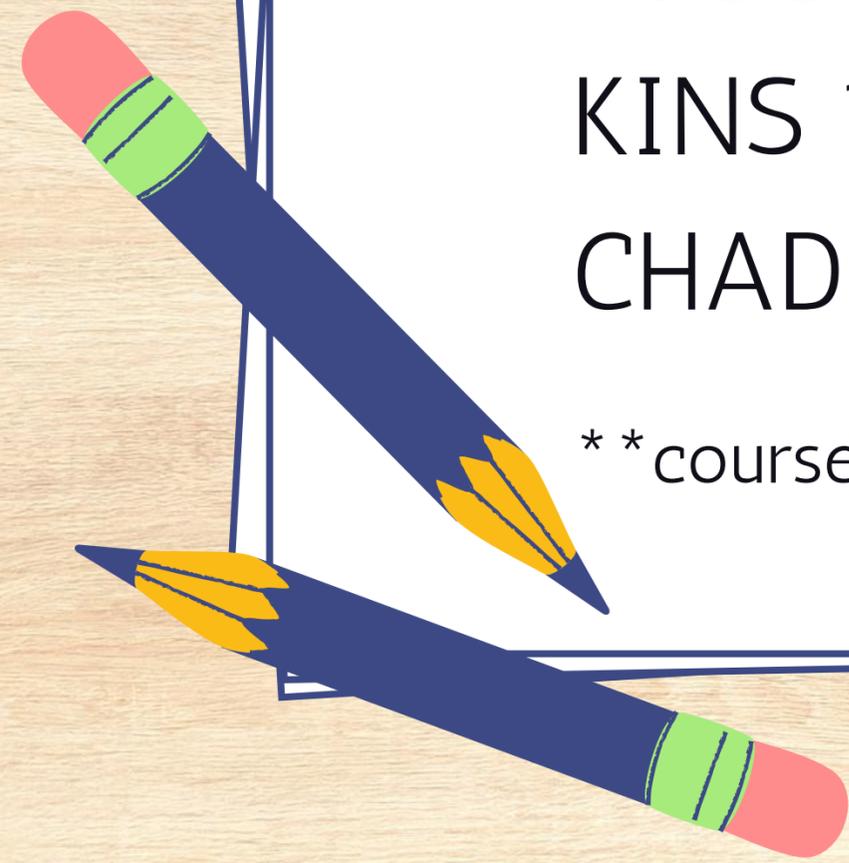
EDUC 100A/B: Educating Exceptional Learners

EDUC 170: Intro to Bilingual Education

KINS 172: Movement Education

CHAD 30: Intro to Human Development

** courses vary by program, check application for specific requirements

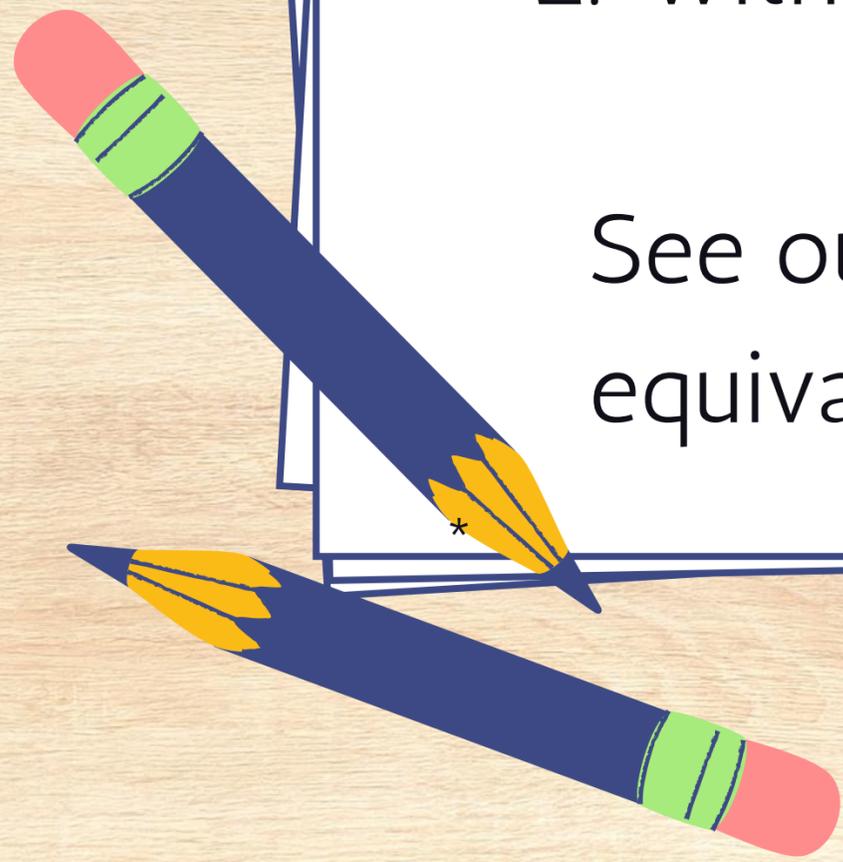


PREREQUISITE COURSES

courses can be completed:

1. summer school before starting the credential program
2. with an approved equivalency

See our website for a complete list of approved equivalencies and recommended course options



BILINGUAL AUTHORIZATION

In-depth preparation for work with English Learners (ELs) through additional coursework through infusion of EL content in all credential courses

Emphasis on teachers who are committed to increasing social justice and educational equality for low income and culturally and linguistically diverse groups

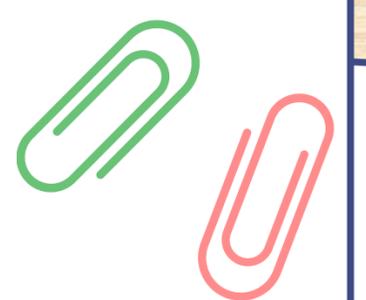
BILINGUAL AUTHORIZATION

offered in Spanish & Hmong
must be fluent

for students whose cultural,
historical and language
abilities relate to the
targeted populations

For more information,
contact the
College of Education
Equity Coordinator:
Karina Figueroa-Ramirez
figueroaramirez@csus.edu

MA in TEACHING / SPED



- All students accepted for admission into the Credential Programs are eligible to apply for the MAT/MASET Program
 - Students can opt out of continuing with the MAT/MASET and will have 7 years of eligibility to return to complete MAT/MASET
 - The MA courses must be taken in sequence, starting the summer after completion of the Credential Program; 15 units of credential courses will count for the MAT/MASET
 - The idea is to complete the MAT while working so that you can research your own practices
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APPLICATION & ADMISSION PROCESS

applications are completed
through Cal State Apply

calstate.edu/apply

application fee: \$70

Review:

- Cal State Apply application instructions
- Program Supplemental materials instructions

APPLICATION: TRANSCRIPTS

Sac State Students

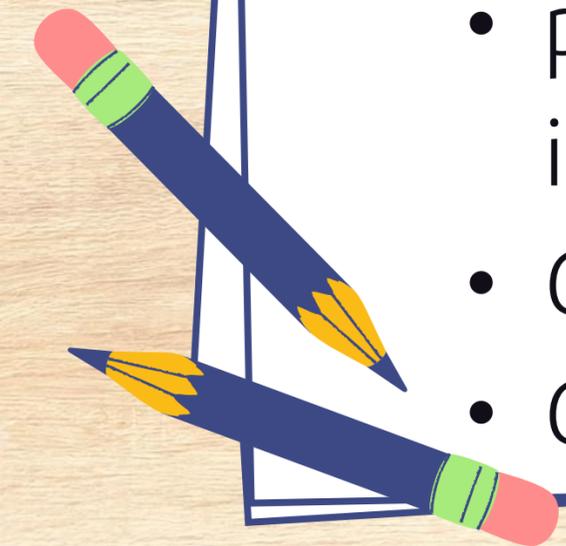
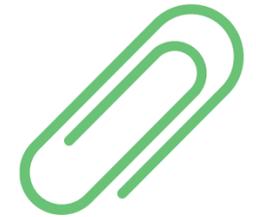
No official transcripts required with your Cal State Apply application – Sac State already has access to all of your transcripts

Non Sac State Students

One official transcript from every college and university attended required with your Cal State Apply application

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Subject matter competency verification
- Prerequisite coursework verification
- 2.50 minimum GPA (or 2.75 in last 60 units)
- Minimum 45 hours of experience working with the population you want to teach
- 2 references (requested through Cal State Apply)
- professional goal essay (prompt is in the application instructions)
- Certificate of Clearance (through the CTC)
- Group interview



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications open: 10/1/25

PK-3, Multiple & Single Due:
2/1/26

Education Specialist Due:
3/1/26 (priority)
4/1/26 (final)

<https://www.csus.edu/college/education/teaching-credentials/apply.html>



PAYING FOR YOUR PROGRAM



- Complete the FAFSA**
- review scholarship and grant applications**
- look for our upcoming financial aid workshops**