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We are happy to learn that you will be joining the 2023-2024 Education MA/Credential program.

Please be aware that in order to start the credential program, admitted applicants must submit passing verification for the [California Basic Skills Requirement](#) and the [subject matter competency](#) requirement **by June 10, 2023**.

If you have questions regarding the [California Basic Skills Requirement](#) please send me an email at [Esperanza E. Zamora](#).

Subject Matter competency must be met with either option 1,2,3, or 4 below:

Option 1: Subject Matter Program. For those who have completed a Commission-approved Subject Matter Program at a California college or university, please submit an official 100% Completion Letter signed by your institution's credential analyst by June 10, 2023. Please send an electronic copy of your letter to [the MA/C Credential Analyst](#). Contact [Esperanza Zamora](#) by **May 1, 2023** if you will not be eligible to receive a completion letter from your undergraduate institution by the department's June 10 deadline.

Option 2: Subject Matter competency met by passage of the CSET. Verification of having passed all required CSET exams in your subject area.

Single Subject. Passing verification for [CSET subtests](#) must be submitted to the UCSC Education department by June 10, 2023*. Please submit required documents electronically by June 10, 2023 to [the MA/C Credential Analyst](#).

Multiple Subjects. Passage of CSET Multiple Subjects subtests I-III (CSET test codes 101, 102 & 103) is required. Passing verification for the three Multiple Subjects subtests must be submitted to the UCSC Education Department by June 10, 2023*. Submit required documents electronically by June 10, 2023 to [the MA/C Credential Analyst](#).

Option 3: Coursework. Successful completion of coursework at one or more regionally accredited institutions of higher education that addresses [each of the domains](#) of the

subject matter requirements adopted by the commission in the content area of the credential. Please submit your unofficial transcripts and your completed [SMR Guidance form](#) to the [MA/C Credential Analyst](#) by April 17, 2023.

Option 4: Academic major. Successful completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with the following degrees:

Single Subject degrees that meet the subject matter competency requirement:

- English credential, the SMR is met with an undergraduate degree in
 - English
- Math credential, the SMR is met with an undergraduate degree in
 - Mathematics, applied mathematics
- Social Science credential, the SMR is met with an undergraduate degree in
 - Social science
- Science credential, the SMR is met with an undergraduate degree in
 - Biology, human biology, marine biology, etc.
 - Physics, applied physics
 - Chemistry, applied chemistry
 - Earth science, geoscience, earth and space science

For Multiple Subject candidates a degree in Liberal Studies and degrees that include any focus or concentration in the title. Examples include, but are not limited to, Liberal Studies: Urban Education, or Liberal Studies: Elementary Education.

*Incoming students may qualify for an extension to the June 10 deadline to complete the CSET requirement if they have passed at least 1 of their required subtests. Extension requests must be received by the Department by **June 10, 2023**, and will need to include an electronic copy of an official Registration Confirmation for the next available CSET exam date **and** a copy of a score report verifying passage of at least 1 CSET subtest. To request an extension email [Esperanza Zamora](#) by **June 1, 2023**.

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to offer extensions to the June 10, 2023 verification deadline for the CA Basic Skills Requirement. [There are several options available to satisfy the Basic Skills Requirement.](#) For further information please see this [CTC guidance](#).

The Department is not able to defer admission to the Education MA/Credential Program. If you are unable to start the program in July due to unmet Basic Skills/Subject Matter Competence requirements, you will need to reapply to the program should you wish to attend in the future.

Please send me an [email](#) if you have any questions and or would like to set time to meet with me. I am looking forward to meeting you.

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