

Application for Alternate Basic Skills Requirement Consideration

The TK-12 Education Trailer Bill (AB 130), signed in July 2021, created new pathways for aspiring teachers to demonstrate the basic skills knowledge necessary to begin teacher preparation. As part of the 2021-22 State Budget agreement, California expanded the choices available to teacher candidates by permitting relevant collegiate-level coursework to be used to meet the Basic Skills and Subject Matter requirements in lieu of the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST). These changes reflect the State's recognition that intentionally designed, performance-based measures are rigorous and there are valid alternatives to traditional paper and pencil or computer-based tests for determining one's readiness to enter teacher preparation. This Basic Skills flexibility creates the option for aspiring teachers to meet this requirement by completing full-credit, college-level coursework with a letter grade of B or higher in the subject areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. Individuals may also seek approval from a California teacher preparation program to mix-and-match from among all of the options permitted under current law, including the CBEST subtests. Further guidance is provided on the Commission on Teacher Credentialing website (www.ctc.ca.gov).

If you would like to have alternative basic skills requirements evaluated, please complete the attached form for review by a university credential analyst.

Directions:

- Open this form using Adobe Acrobat DC. Select Fill & Sign to type on the form.
- Please submit your completed request to your credential analyst in pdf format:
 - Judy Henson, jhenson@laverne.edu (Regional Campus Students)
 - Lawrence Gaona, lgaona@laverne.edu (Main Campus Students, M-Z)
 - Shawna Moon, smoon@laverne.edu (Main Campus Students A-L)
- Include supporting documentation (test scores, transcripts, course descriptions, etc.) to support your request. Unofficial reports may be submitted for initial review, however, official transcripts and score reports will be required for your credential file.
- Additional documentation may be requested, such as a letter from the Registrar or English or Math Dept Chair verifying the course satisfies the basic skills.
- Following submission, you will be notified of our analysts' evaluation via e-mail. Please allow 5-7 business days for this evaluation.

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Personal Information		Campus			
La Verne ID#		Birthday (MM/DD)			
Full Legal Name					
First Name		Last Name			
Address and Contact Information					
Address					
City		State, Zip			
Home Phone		Cell Phone			
E-Mail					
Options for Meeting the Basic Skills Requirement:					
<p>Please check all that apply. (Details for all categories are attached.)</p>					
<p>CBEST Passage: Reading Writing Math Check sections you have passed.</p> <p>CSET Passage: Multiple Subjects Plus Writing Skills Examination</p> <p>CSU Early Assessment Program or CSU Placement Examination Passage</p> <p>Qualifying Score on the SAT or ACT</p> <p>Qualifying Scores on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations</p> <p>Qualifying Score from a Basic Skills Examination from another state</p> <p>Coursework that Satisfies Basic Skills Requirements (Please list full course name(s))</p>					
	Course #	Course Title	College or University	Grade	Date
Reading:					
Writing:					
Math:					
Please attach all supporting documentation for your selections including score reports and/or transcripts. Official score reports will be required for your credential file.					

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Credential Office Use Only	SSN:	BSR Completion Date:
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Options for Meeting the Basic Skills Exam

1. Pass the CBEST

Individuals only need to pass The California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) once; CBEST passing scores remain valid indefinitely for all credential and employment purposes. To pass the CBEST, one must obtain a minimum scaled score of 41 in each of the three sections—reading, writing, and mathematics. However, a score as low as 37 on an individual section is acceptable if the total scaled score is at least 123.

2. Pass the CSET: Multiple Subjects Plus Writing Skills Examination

The California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET): Multiple Subjects examination has been modified, adding an assessment of basic writing skills. Passage of the CSET: Writing Skills examination (test #142) can be added to passage of the CSET: Multiple Subjects Examination (subtests #101, 214, & 103) to meet the basic skills requirement.

3. Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program or the CSU Placement Examinations

Passing scores on the California State University (CSU) Early Assessment Program (English and Mathematics sections) or the CSU Placement Examinations (English Placement Test and Entry Level Mathematics) are sufficient to meet the basic skills requirement. The passing English score is 151 and the passing math score is 50.

4. Achieve Qualifying Score on the SAT or ACT

Previously, individuals having earned a score of 500 or higher on the Critical Reading (previously Verbal) section of the SAT exam combined with a score of 550 or higher on the SAT Mathematics exam are determined to have met the basic skills requirement. An individual having earned a score of 22 or higher on the ACT English exam combined with a score of 23 or higher on the ACT Mathematics exam is determined to have met the basic skills requirement.

5. College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Students who achieve a score of 3 or higher on the College Board AP English exam and AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam may also use these exam scores to meet the basic skills requirement.

6. Pass a Basic Skills Examination from Another State

The Commission will accept basic skills examinations from other approved states. A photocopy of the score report or letter from the testing agency verifying passage of the examination must be submitted with the application packet. The [Out-of-State Basic Skills Exams Chart](#) provides a guide for examinations from other states that may be accepted for use toward meeting California's basic skills requirement.

7. Meet the Basic Skills Requirement by Coursework

Individuals may meet the requirement by providing official transcripts to a Commission-approved preparation program or submitted with their application packet to the Commission. The transcripts must show passage of courses in reading, writing, and mathematics as outlined below. Courses must have been taken at a regionally accredited college or university for credit, passed with a grade of B- or better, be degree applicable, and be at least 3 semester units (or equivalent quarter units.) Qualifying coursework includes the following:

- For reading proficiency: a course in critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis.
- For writing proficiency: a course in composition, English, rhetoric, written communication, or writing.
- For mathematics proficiency: a course in algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics.

8. Meet the Basic Skills Requirement by Coursework and Exam

The Basic Skills Requirement can be met through a combination of applicable courses and qualifying exams. This option is only available through a Commission-approved preparation program. The qualifying coursework must meet the requirements as described in item number 7. The mixing-and-matching of relevant components from all exam options permitted under current law is acceptable.

Reference: California Education Code, Section 44252 and 44830