Subject Matter Verification

All credential candidates must verify their understanding of the subject area they wish to teach. The most common way to verify this knowledge is by passing the California Subject Exam for Teachers (CSET). Please note your options by subject area:

**Multiple Subject Applicants**
Currently your only option to verify your knowledge is to pass all three subtests of the CSET: Multiple Subject exam, test codes 101, 102, 103.

The exams are computer-based and offered year-round at specific testing sites. You can register to take all tests at the same time or one subtest at a time – whichever you prefer and your timing permits. It is preferable for you to have passed all subtests of the CSET exam by the time you apply for admission; however, if you haven’t passed the exams you may provide proof of registration indicating that all three CSET subtests will be taken within two months of applying.

→ **Document to submit: Passing CSET results or registration with test dates of exams**

**Single Subject Applicants**
For those applying to our single subject programs, most of you will need to take the CSET to verify your subject knowledge.

- Agriculture – test code 172, 173, 174
- English – test code 105, 106, 107, 108
- Math – test code 211, 212 (213 is optional but preferred)
- Science – test code 118 and 119 are taken by all science students along with one of the following options:
  - Biology/life science – 120
  - Chemistry – 121
  - Earth and Planetary Science – 122
  - Physics - 123
- Social Science – test code 114, 115, 116

The exams are computer-based and offered year-round at specific testing sites. You can register to take all tests at the same time or one subtest at a time – whichever you prefer and your timing permits. For English, however, we recommend that you take two at a time. It is preferable for you to have passed all subtests of the CSET exam by the time you apply for admission; however, if you haven’t passed all the exams confirmation that you are registered for the next scheduled exam is acceptable.

→ **Document to submit: Passing CSET results or registration with test dates for CSET exams**

A less common option to verify your subject knowledge is by completing an approved subject matter waiver program during your undergraduate program. Check with your undergraduate institution directly to see if you completed such a program. At UC Davis, we only offer a waiver in mathematics.

→ **Document to submit: Completed or In Progress Subject Matter Waiver evaluation**

**Important Links**
For information on the test and registering: [http://www.ctcexams.vesinc.com/about_CSET.asp](http://www.ctcexams.vesinc.com/about_CSET.asp)