

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT

What is it?

This is a requirement that must be met before the California teaching credential or certificate will be issued. To fulfill this requirement, applicants must demonstrate basic skills proficiency in reading, writing, and math.

Who needs it?

The requirement needs to be met by those who want to apply for a credential or certificate to serve in the public schools of California. This requirement may also be required as a condition of employment to work at a school district.

How do I meet this requirement?

Complete **ONE** of the following options listed below. More info can be found at www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/options-bsr.

Pass the **CBEST**

- Tests reading, math, and writing skills
- Only needs to be passed once
- Offered computer-based
- Must earn total score of 123 or above

Achieve acceptable **SAT or ACT Scores for English and Math**

Pass a **Basic Skills Exam** from another state

Achieve acceptable scores on selected **College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Exams**

Demonstrate proficiency on **CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP)**

Demonstrate proficiency on **CSU Placement Exams (EPT and ELM)**

Combining **Coursework and Exams**

Pass the **CSET: Multiple Subjects** **AND CSET: Writing Skills Exam**

NEW OPTION BEGINNING JULY 2021

Meet requirement using **college-level coursework in English, Math, and Reading/Critical Thinking**

- Completed at a regionally accredited institution, including community colleges
- Must have earned a “B-” or better
- Must be degree applicable
- Must have earned 3 semester units (or more)