

Special Education Credential Single Subject (Secondary Education) Focus

In order to fulfill the requirements for the Special Education Level I Credential with Single Subject (Secondary) emphasis, candidates must complete the following requirements in Secondary Education.

Meet with the Chair of Secondary Education and start an abbreviated student information file:

This should be done the first semester that a candidate is in the program. The following four requirements will be explained during that meeting. Please contact 924.3755 for an appointment.

A. Verify Subject Matter Competence: Special Education candidates must demonstrate competence in a subject recognized for a Credential in California. Competence can be demonstrated in one of three ways:

1. If you completed CCTC approved Subject Matter Preparation program, you may submit verification from the institution where you completed the program.
2. If you did not complete an approved CCTC Subject Matter Preparation program but wish to verify Subject Matter Competency by coursework, contact and meet with a credential advisor in the specific subject area (i.e. math, science, English, etc.) The subject area credential advisor will review your transcripts and other relevant documents to determine whether you have satisfied the subject matter competency requirement. Subject matter competency admission requirements vary depending on your teaching subject area.
NOTE: An undergraduate major or a Master's Degree in a subject area does not guarantee subject matter competence. Take your transcripts (you can use unofficial transcripts for this meeting) and the "Subject Matter Competency Report" form (included with this information) to that meeting. Note: A Subject Matter Competency Report form signed by a subject area advisor is required before you will be approved to take courses in the Single Subject Credential Program
3. Exams: If you do not have Subject Matter Competence you have the option of either taking the additional required coursework or earning passing scores on the required Praxis and SSAT exams in the subject area. Required tests vary depending upon the subject area; contact the subject area advisor for specifics. Exam application booklets are available in Sweeney Hall 301.

B. Subject Specific Methods: This course is taken with the permission of the specific department; when this can be taken will be determined based on the subject matter competency review.

C. EDSC 182 Evaluation: This course may be taken anytime after meeting with the Chair of Secondary Education and after submitting the Subject Matter Competency review form.

D. EDSC 184X Student Teaching: Phase I Student Teaching involves observation, small group work, and mini teaching and culminates with a two/three week daily teaching experience in one regular public school class in the candidate's specified subject area. Candidates who are teaching full time in special education will be able to meet this requirement by working in a regular classroom during their preparation period or, if the subject is not offered at that site, at another school in that area. Subject matter competency must be established before taking EDSC 184X.

Subject Matter Competency Report
Single Subject Credential Program
San Jose State University
Special Education – Secondary Emphasis

Instructions: Complete only the part above the dotted line. Meet with your teaching subject area advisor to complete the parts below the dotted line.

Name (last, first) _____ SSN _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Teaching Subject Area _____

Degree _____ Date Awarded _____ Institution _____ GPA _____
Minimum 2.75

Subject Matter Competency to be satisfied by (√): Plan A: Courses _____ Plan B: Exams(s) _____

Plan A: Subject matter requirements. No Courses required () _____ Course/s Required () _____

Course/s

Course/s

Plan B: Exam requirements. Exams Required () _____ Exams Passed () _____

CSET: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

SSAT: (1) _____ (2) _____

Praxis: (1) _____ (2) _____

Please indicate when is this candidate eligible to enroll in the Methods course?

____ may enroll at any time _____ may enroll after completing at least 80% of SMC coursework

____ may enroll after passing all required exams _____ may enroll after passing at least 50% of required exams

Comment/Restrictions/Conditions:

Advisor _____ **Date** _____