The Early Completion Intern Option (ECO) is intended to provide individuals who have requisite skills and knowledge an opportunity to challenge the course work portion of a Multiple or Single Subject Intern Program and demonstrate pedagogical skills through a performance assessment while in a Commission-approved intern program. All Commission-approved intern programs (both university and district) must offer early completion options to qualified candidates.

Requirements for the Early Completion Intern Option

Individuals must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally-accredited college or university.


3. Passage of one of the following assessments:
   
   a. The National Evaluation Series (NES) Assessment of Professional Knowledge (APK): Elementary (Test code 051) for Multiple Subjects candidates or Secondary (Test code 052) for Single Subject candidates (See Terms and Definitions).

   b. The Teaching Foundations Examination (TFE) (no longer administered—see Terms and Definitions).

4. Completion of the initial Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) task(s) provided within a Commission-approved TPA model (See Terms and Definitions).

5. Completion of a course (two-semester units or three-quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution, or passage of an examination in the subject given by a regionally-accredited college, or university.
6. Verify knowledge of the subject to be taught by one of the following methods:

   a. Achieve a passing score on all appropriate subject matter examination(s). Information regarding the appropriate subject matter examination(s), including passing scores and registration, can be found in Verifying Subject Matter Competence by Examination leaflets CL-674M for Multiple Subject, or CL-674S for Single Subject.

   b. Complete a Commission-approved subject-matter program or its equivalent and obtain verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an approved program.

   c. Successful completion of applicable coursework verified by a Commission-approved program of professional preparation. Coursework must be completed at a regionally-accredited institution and addresses each of the domains of the subject matter requirements adopted by the Commission in the content area of the Single or Multiple Subject Credential.

   d. Complete a degree major from a regionally-accredited college or university. For a Single Subject Teaching Credential, the degree major must be in one of the statutory single subjects. For a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, the degree major must be in liberal studies or an interdisciplinary major that includes coursework in the content area identified in subdivision (b) of California Education Code section 44282.

   e. Successful completion through a combination of coursework and examination options that meet or exceed the domains of the subject matter requirements adopted by the Commission in the content area of the Single or Multiple Subject Credential. Such mixing of options may only be done by candidates enrolled in a Commission-approved preparation program.

7. Fingerprint processing by Live Scan (form 41-LS), if not previously completed for the Commission.

8. Individuals must have an offer of employment and be enrolled in a District Intern Program or a college or university with a Commission-approved intern program. Applications must be submitted to the Commission through the Commission-approved intern program sponsor.