

How to Become a Teacher in California

Requirements for teachers in the state are set by the [California Commission on Teacher Credentialing \(CTC\)](#), which provides both traditional and alternative paths to becoming a certified teacher in the state.

As an Out of State applicant, you must hold the following:

- ❖ Bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college or university
- ❖ Out of State credential
- ❖ Basic Skills Requirement. (Individuals may be issued a preliminary credential prior to satisfying the basic skills requirement but must meet the requirement within one year of their credential issue date).

This requirement may be fulfilled also by one of the following:

- Passing the CSU Early Assessment Program or CSU Placement Exam; or
- Achieve a qualifying score on the SAT or ACT; or
- College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations with a score of 3 or higher
- Pass a Basic Skills Examination from another State (see equivalency chart [here](#))

California Teachers Licensing Application Process

Once all the requirements have been met, applicants for teacher certification must send all appropriate documents to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The required documents include:

- Official transcripts from all schools attended
- Verified completion of an approved teacher preparation program
- Passing scores on all required examinations
- Copy of professional-level out-of-state teaching license
- Live Scan fingerprints and certificate of clearance
- A completed application for teacher credentialing

If hired by South Monterey County Joint Union High School District, our staff will assist you with the application process. Further, in order to teach at the high school level, you will need a Single Subject teaching credential.