

# HOW TO MEET THE BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT

The basic skills requirement verifies that an applicant has met the basic skills proficiency standard before a credential, certificate, or permit will be granted by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

To learn more about the Basic Skills Requirement and the various options, visit:

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl667.pdf>.

You will need to satisfy the Basic Skills Requirement by **one** of the following options:

- 1. Pass the CBEST** (*Passing exam scores used to meet the basic skills requirement remain valid indefinitely.*)

For information on the exam, please visit: <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/>

- 2. Pass the Multiple Subject CSET plus the Writing Skills Examination** (*Passing exam scores used to meet the basic skills requirement remain valid indefinitely.*)

The Multiple Subject CSET test codes are 101, 214, and 103. The Writing Skills Examination test code is 142.

For information on the exams, please visit: <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/>

- 3. Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program or the CSU Placement Examinations** (*Passing exam scores used to meet the basic skills requirement remain valid indefinitely.*)

CSU EAP Placement Tests (taken in Spring of 11 <sup>th</sup> grade)		
	Math	English
Early Assessment Program (EAP)	'College Ready' or 'Exempt'	'College Ready' or 'Exempt'
CSU Placement Tests		
	Math	English
Entry Level Math (ELM)	50*	
English Placement Test (EPT)		151

*\*ELM tests taken prior to March 2002 required a minimum passing score of 550.*

#### 4. Achieve a qualifying score on the SAT or ACT

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires an official score report (one that is **not** printed from your online account). High school transcripts that include the scores are not accepted.

To order an official score report, contact the College Board or ACT and have the score report mailed directly to you. Submit the score report with your registration packet.

College Board SAT (taken <i>after</i> March 2016)	Math	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
Qualifying Scores	570	560

College Board SAT (taken <i>before</i> March 2016)	Math	Critical Reading (or Verbal)
Qualifying Scores	550	500

*Note: In 1995, the SAT scores were re-centered. If you took the exam prior to 1995 and your original scores do not meet the qualifying score requirement, your re-centered scores may now meet the qualifying score requirement.*

The College Board's contact information is available at the following link:

<https://about.collegeboard.org/contact-us?navId=gf-contact>.

(ACT)	Math	English
Qualifying Scores	23	22

ACT's contact information is available at the following link:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/contact-act.html>.

#### 5. College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examination

Examination	Math	English
College Board Advanced Placement Examinations	Score of 3 or above on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP Calculus AB</li><li>• AP Calculus BC</li><li>• AP Statistics</li></ul>	Score of 3 or above on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP English Language and Composition</li><li>• AP English Literature and Composition</li></ul>

## 6. Pass a Basic Skills Examination from another State

To see if an exam from your state qualifies, visit:

[https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/basic-skills-requirement-\(cl-667\)/out-of-state-basic-skills-exams-chart](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/basic-skills-requirement-(cl-667)/out-of-state-basic-skills-exams-chart).

## 7. Meet the Basic Skills Requirement by Coursework

The transcripts must show passage of courses in reading, writing, and mathematics.

The courses must:

- have been taken at a regionally-accredited college or university for credit,
- passed with a grade of B or better,
- be degree applicable, and
- be either 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

The following courses meet proficiency:

- **For reading:** a course in critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis.
- **For writing:** a course in composition, English, rhetoric, written communication, or writing.
- **For mathematics:** a course in algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics.

The following types of courses **do not meet** proficiency:

- Professional development courses
- Continuing education units
- In-service trainings/workshops

## 8. Meet the Basic Skills Requirement by Coursework and Exam

This option is only available through a Commission-approved preparation program.