



Things You Can Do to Prepare For Applying to the SFSU Credential Program

1. Attend a Credential Information Meeting

It is recommended that you attend no later than the first semester of your senior year. Check <http://www.sfsu.edu/~cstpc> for a schedule of meetings and instructions on reserving a seat.

2. Complete the Early Field Experience Requirement

Work or volunteer in a public school regular daytime classroom for a minimum of 45 hours. Early Field Experience must be done in a culturally and linguistically diverse classroom and at the grade level in which you are planning to teach. For the Multiple Subject Program observe in a K-5 classroom. For the Single Subject Program observe in a middle school or high school classroom in the subject area you intend to teach. Contact the Community Involvement Center at 415-338-1486, San Francisco School Volunteers at 415-749-3700 or the Pacifica School Volunteers at 650-355-9432 for more information. Students who qualify for work study and are planning on applying to the Multiple Subject Program contact America Reads at 415-338-6817. Early Field Experience must be completed within 5 years of applying to the program.

3. Obtain Letters of Recommendation

A minimum of 2 letters for the Multiple Subject Program and 3 letters for the Single Subject Program must be submitted at the time of application. 1 letter must be from the Early Field Experience teacher with whom you worked explicitly describing how culturally and linguistically diverse the class was, in what capacity you worked with this population, and how successful you were. All letters must be written on official letterhead with original signatures. Letters must be written within 5 years of applying to the program.

4. Satisfy the Basic Skills Requirement

Check the Credential Services/Teacher Preparation Center website for details: www.sfsu.edu/~cstpc.

5. Fulfill Subject Matter Competency

Multiple Subject Program: subject matter competency must be fulfilled by passing the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) in Multiple Subjects (3 exams total). Registration materials are available outside the Teacher Preparation Center or on the web at <http://www.cset.nesinc.com>. Scores are valid for 5 years only.

Single Subject Program: subject matter competency can be fulfilled in two ways. Pass the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) in the subject area which you intend to teach. Registration materials are available outside the Teacher Preparation Center or on the web at <http://www.cset.nesinc.com>. Scores are valid for 5 years only. **OR** Complete coursework in the subject area which you intend to teach. For advisor lists and further information contact the Teacher Preparation Center.

6. Keep your GPA at 2.67 or Higher

The credential programs require a 2.67 GPA overall **OR** 2.75 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units. *This requirement may be raised to 2.75 overall by 2008.* If you graduate with a low GPA, take courses through the College of Extended Learning or at a community college and earn enough grade points to raise your GPA.

7. Second Language Requirement

The Multiple and Single Subject Programs require experience learning a second language. There are a variety of ways to fulfill this requirement. Check the Credential Services/Teacher Preparation Center website for details: www.sfsu.edu/~cstpc.