

STAC Monthly



STAC Monthly is a newsletter publication by the Student Teacher Advisory Council at San Diego State University.

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Credential Authorizations Made Simple

Questions and Answers:

Q: What is a supplementary authorization?

A: A supplementary authorization shows that you have earned at least 20 upper and lower division semester units in a specific content area. It is non-NCLB compliant and does not authorize you to teach in that content area.

Q: What is a specific subject matter authorization?

A: A specific subject matter authorization shows that you have earned at least 32 upper and lower division units in a specific subject area such as history, chemistry, or literature. It is NCLB compliant and authorizes you to teach the specific subject area for grades K-12 and classes organized primarily for adults. A specific subject matter authorization can be added to both single and multiple subject credentials.

Please visit this site for further details:
www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials

Q: What is an introductory subject matter authorization?

A: An introductory subject matter authorization shows that you have earned at least 32 upper and lower division semester units in a core content area such as art, social science, or English. It is NCLB compliant and authorizes you to teach the respective core subject in courses offered for grades 9 and below. An introductory subject matter authorization can be added to both single and multiple subject credentials.

Q: How do I earn a full authorization?

A: If you wish to add a second full authorization to your existing credential, you must pass the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) in the content area that you wish to teach. In addition, San Diego State University students must complete a methodology course (TE 914) prior to earning the full authorization. A full authorization is NCLB compliant.

"A good teacher is like a candle-It consumes itself to light the way for others."

-Author Unknown



"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."

-Lily Tomlin

Interview Advice for Rookie Teachers

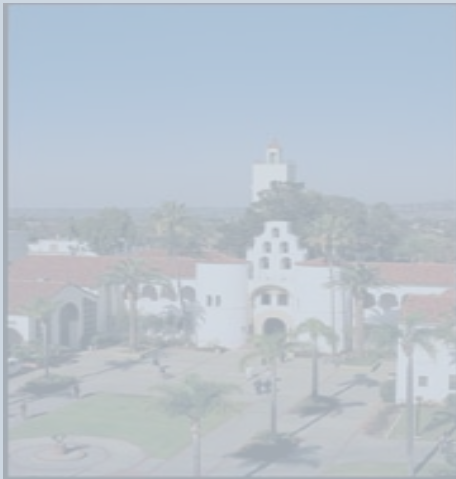
The information in this section is based on a recent interview with a Poway Unified School District Human Relations Office Official:

As a new teacher, what should I do to prepare for an interview?

Step 1: You definitely need to research the school for which you will be interviewing. Specifically, make sure to look up the site's school accountability report card (SARC). This document will provide the applicant with detailed information about the student achievement, environment, resources and demographics of any school in California. If you want to find the SARC for a specific school, visit the California Department of Education website at www.cde.ca.gov.

Step 2: Polish up your interviewing skills. If you are a student teacher, ask your master teacher or site principle to help by conducting a mock interview. Also, check with your district's human relations department and ask about the resources available to you. Many school districts offer interview workshops that are aimed specifically at preparing new teachers for their first interview as an educational professional.

Step 3: Make sure that your skills match the school's needs. If you are interviewing at a school that does not host very many English Language Learners, don't spend too much time bragging about your bilingual abilities. Instead, concentrate on making yourself the ideal candidate by marketing your skills judiciously.



Did you know?

The SDSU College of Education supplies more than 50% of the new teachers in the San Diego Unified School District.

Professional Development

Great San Diego Mathematics Council Annual Conference: *Charting A Course for Student Success in Mathematics*

This two day conference will feature over one hundred workshops and professionals who will present math topics ranging from the elementary to the university level. The conference will be held on February 2nd & 3rd, 2007 at the Marina Village at Mission Bay. Two day registration for college students is \$50 with Saturday only registration for \$35. For more information call or write to Joan Commons, 14635 Wye St., San Diego CA 92129 (858) 672-3512.

Lakeshore Learning Teacher Workshops

The Lakeshore Learning Store is offering free one hour teacher workshops on January 31st and February 21st. The workshops will concentrate on storytelling and cross-curricular activities for elementary school teachers. Admission is free. Please visit www.lakeshorelearning.com/stores for details.

San Diego Science Educators Association (SDSEA)

The SDSEA is hosting an annual Science Conference - the largest regional science conference in the state. The conference provides all educators interested in science a forum to share the latest scientific, technological, and pedagogical information. The conference will be held on March 10, 2007 at Francis Parker School. For more information, please visit www.sdsea.org or contact Judi Heitz at jmheitz@earthlink.net.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will my knowledge of technology and computer based applications help me to secure a job?

Yes, but employers are more interested in your ability to learn and absorb information quickly and efficiently. Employers assume that you possess at least a basic knowledge of computer applications, so you become more marketable if you can demonstrate that you are technologically savvy.

If I want to teach outside of California, will my credential still work?

In most cases the answer is yes. New teachers that hold a California teaching credential are in high demand, and recruiters from out-of-state school districts frequent local job fairs to hire prospective applicants. If you want to know where your California teaching credential will transfer, please visit this site for details: www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials

Can I substitute teach while I am serving as a student teacher?

You cannot legally substitute teach unless you possess a valid emergency 30-day sub permit. If you have a permit, substitute teaching is allowed as long as it does not interfere with your student teaching schedule. If you do not have a sub permit, you must reject any request to fill in as a substitute teacher, even if the request comes from your master teacher. For more information, reference the student teacher handbook via the SDSU School of Education website.

Buzz Words:

CCTC – California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This government agency processes all teaching credentials in California. Starting January 1, 2007 all credentials issued through the CCTC must be updated online, so bookmark their webpage at www.ctc.ca.gov.

IEP – Individualized Education Plan. The IEP creates an opportunity for teachers, parents, school administrators, related services personnel, and students (when age appropriate) to work together to improve educational results for children with disabilities.

Job Resources

www.edjoin.org

www.teachsocal.org

Substitute Information

CSET & RICA Test Dates

CSET:

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>
January 20 th	December 22 nd
March 17 th	February 16 th
May 19 th	April 20 th
July 21 st	June 22 nd

RICA:

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>
February 10 th	January 5 th
April 14 th	March 9 th
June 16 th	May 11 th

Special Events

Teacher Job Fair:

Secondary & Special Education (K-12)
This event will take place on March 10th, 2007 at the University of San Diego Jenny Craig Pavilion from 9am-2pm. Registration information is available at www.teachsocak.org

San Diego Regional Charter

Schools Job Fair

This event will take place on March 31st, 2007 from 9am-12pm. Location to be announced. Send inquiries to Xavierr@charterassociation.org

You know you are a Student Teacher at SDSU when:

- 1. You realize Thursday nights are no longer options for social gatherings.*
- 2. Your new bedtime is now two hours earlier.*
- 3. You've been to the college of Education main office so many times you could construct a blueprint for it.*
- 4. You're ecstatic that you've made it to campus with plenty of time before lecture, then end up late anyways due to the lack of parking.*
- 5. You worry that your students will find your myspace page.*
- 6. You wonder where your social life went.*
- 7. You feel compelled to correct the behavior of random kids misbehaving in public.*
- 8. You have to manage your student teaching, credential classes, a second job, and a stack of bills.*

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Special Offers for Student Teachers

Cal Copy at SDSU: Cal Copy has graciously offered to extend a substantial discount to student teachers attending the school of teacher education at San Diego State University. Please identify yourself as an SDSU student teacher to receive up to 50% off of bulk black and white copy orders (Regularly 9 cents per copy/4 cents per copy after discount). A substantial discount on bulk color copy orders is also available.

Staples: Staples is offering a special free rewards program for teachers. Offers include free shipping for online or phone based orders, and a significant points program designed to give rebates to teachers. Please visit www.staplesrewardscenter.com for details.