

Welcome to the School of Teacher Education. Thank you for inquiring into our programs.

Here you will find answers to some common questions about our Single and Multiple Subject credential programs.

Where can I get basic information about the teacher preparation programs?

Please download and read the current Multiple Subject (elementary school) or Single Subject (secondary school) brochure:

[Multiple Subject Brochure](#)

[Single Subject Brochure](#)

The brochures are also available in the SDSU Campus Bookstore. In addition, you may visit the College of Education Office of Student Services in EBA 259 or call (619) 594-6320 for information.

What is the difference between the Multiple and Single Subject Credentials?

Generally, the Multiple Subject Credential authorizes teaching all subjects at the elementary school level (grades K-6). The Single Subject Credential authorizes teaching in the specific subject(s) named on the credential, primarily in middle and high school settings.

Do you have a combination Master's of Education and credential program?

To be eligible for our Master of Arts Degree in Education programs, candidates must hold a teaching credential. [The Master of Arts Degree in Teaching](#) (MAT) allows candidates to transfer 9 credential units into the MAT program.

How can I obtain an application for admission to the university?

You may apply online at [CSU Mentor](#) using the graduate application.

Is the GRE test an admission requirement for the credential program?

No. The GRE is required for master's programs only.

Is a separate application to the School of Teacher Education necessary?

Yes. Acceptance into the program is a dual admission process. You must apply to both the University and the School of Teacher Education. Applications are available on our [web site](#) or be purchased in the SDSU Campus Bookstore.

Are there advising sessions?

Yes. Please visit our [prospective student web page](#) for current dates and times. It is highly recommended that anyone interested in our teacher education programs first attend a group advising session.

May I begin the program in the spring or fall?

Yes. Application deadlines for both semesters are on our [web site](#).

When are the applications due?

The application deadline for fall admissions is early March. The deadline for spring admissions is early October. Please check our [web site](#) for current filing period dates.

Do the prerequisite courses and tests need to be completed before I can submit my application?

No. You may submit your application with these items in progress. However, we recommend they be completed as soon as possible. Please see the brochures on [our prospective student web page](#) for details.

What are the hours that I need to be available once entering the program?

For the full-time programs, students need to be available from about 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. In addition, there may be afternoon and/or evening classes several days a week.

The part-time programs require some afternoon and evening classes. Student teaching takes place during regular school hours.

Are there any options available for part-time students?

Yes. You may complete the program on a part-time basis. The part-time programs can be completed in three or four semesters. Details will be discussed at the group advising sessions.

How long does it take to complete the program?

Our traditional full-time program is two semesters. Our part-time program requires at least three semesters.

Am I eligible for financial aid and scholarships?

The Financial Aid Office encourages students to apply. Please complete the [Free Application \(FAFSA\) Aid for Federal Student](#) form on their website. Additional information can also be found on the [SDSU Financial Aid web site](#). Financial aid specifically targeted to students in the credential programs, contact the [College of Education Office of Student Services](#).