

Are you considering completing an out-of-state teacher preparation program?

There is a pathway to earn a California teaching credential for those who complete an out-of-state teacher preparation program and are issued a professional-level teaching license from that state.

Here are some questions to ask the out-of-state preparation program:

1. Is the preparation program offered at a regionally-accredited college or university?
2. Does completion of the preparation program lead to a professional-level teaching license in that state?

To learn more about how to transfer an out-of-state teaching credential to California, scan the QR code.



Roadmap to Teaching



Program considerations



Congratulations on your decision to become a teacher!

Now that you have identified the best preparation pathway that suits you, your next step is to research programs.

Each preparation program may structure things differently while still meeting Commission program standards. Some details are specific to each program, which is why these questions should be directed to the program. Here are some typical questions you can ask a preparation program to help you determine which one is the best fit for you.

Program Enrollment Requirements

Are there certain courses that need to be completed prior to enrollment?

Depending on the preparation pathway, there may be courses/hours required to complete prior to enrollment. For example, prior to enrollment in an intern program, completion of a specific number of pre-service hours must be completed.

Does the subject matter requirement need to be completed before entering the program?

This is a question you would need to ask the program.

Modality Options

Is the program in-person or is there an option to complete the program online/hybrid?

This is a question you would need to ask the program.

What is the total length of the program? Is there an accelerated option?

That depends on the pathway you choose. The integrated undergraduate pathway takes 4-5 years to complete, but for the other three pathways, a program may take 1-2 years to complete.

Does the program lead to only a credential or is there an option to earn a master's degree?

Some programs provide the opportunity to earn a master's degree with the credential. Having an advanced degree may mean being placed on a higher salary pay scale.

Options to Meet the Subject Matter Requirement

There are five options to meet the subject matter requirement. To view the options, scan the QR code.



Program Cost

How much does it cost and are there other costs besides tuition (additional program fees, materials)?

This is a question you would need to ask the program.

What financial resources are available?

To learn more about financial resources you may be eligible for, scan the QR code.

