

September 9, 2021
Re: Subject Matter Competency

Assembly Bill (AB) 130 was signed by our Governor and became effective on July 9, 2021. Provisions of the bill include new options for credential candidates to demonstrate subject matter competency in lieu of passing California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET). The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) has approved the following subject matter competency verification options for Commission-approved Educator Preparation Programs.

Multiple Subject Candidates:

- Candidates with a valid Liberal Studies undergraduate degree from an accredited university
- Candidates with a valid Liberal Studies undergraduate degree from an accredited university that includes any focus or concentration in the title. Examples include, but are not limited to: *Liberal Studies: Elementary Education* and *Liberal Studies: Urban Education*

Single Subject Candidates:

The major must be an **EXACT degree/credential** subject match in one of the subjects named in Education Code section 44257(a). These subjects are:

- Agriculture
- Art
- Business
- Dance
- English
- World Language (*in any of the languages for which there is a credential*)
- Health Science
- Home Economics
- Industrial and Technology Education
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science (*including Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience or Earth and Space Science, and Physics*)
- Social Science
- Theater

Candidates who choose to demonstrate Subject Matter Competency as verified by their undergraduate degree major must submit a SMC Degree Major Transcript Evaluation Request Form to Lindsay Blume leblume@hiu.edu. Candidates are advised to thoroughly review listed policies before submission.

HIU College of Education (COE) expects further guidance from CTC regarding additional Subject Matter verification options. As additional options are added, credential candidates will be notified by HIU academic advisors or credentialing office staff.

Sincerely,



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SMC Degree Major Transcript Evaluation Request

Teacher Credential Program

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Candidate: _____

HIU Student ID: _____

Credential Plan (*select one*): Multiple Subject Single Subject **content area:** _____

Verified Undergraduate Degree Title: _____

Institution of Completion: _____

Date of Completion: _____

Are you currently enrolled in the HIU Credential Program? Yes No Other: _____

According to your degree audit provided by your academic coach, what is the estimated date you will begin student teaching? _____

When were you last enrolled in an HIU Credential Course? (*Include month and year*): _____

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Subject Matter Competency: Met Not Met

Comments:

HIU Subject Matter Equivalency Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____

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