

# MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER PATHWAY

Cuesta College

The Middle or High School Teacher Pathway is for students interested in becoming a Middle or High School Teacher. This Pathway will enhance your knowledge in the field that you'll be teaching; educate and train you to become an effective teacher; provide real-world, hands on learning in the classroom with mentor teachers; equip you with the knowledge and skills to succeed in college and allow you to grow as a teacher and a professional.

**Middle or High School Teachers (normally grades 7-12)** are specialists in their subject matter and generally teach just one subject, so a **Single Subject Credential** is required. The Single Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the specific subject(s) named on the credential in departmentalized classes, such as those in most middle schools and high schools. These subjects available for Single Subject Teaching Credentials:

Agriculture	Music
Art	Physical Education
Business	Science: Biological Sciences
English	Science: Chemistry
Foundational Science	Science: Geosciences
Foundational Mathematics	Science: Physics
Health Science	Social Science
Home Economics	World Language: English Language
Industrial & Technology Ed	Development
Mathematics	World Languages-Languages other than English ( <u>specify</u> )

## Middle-High School Pathway Steps

1. Complete: [AA-T/AS-T in your major](#)
2. Satisfy the [basic skills requirement](#). There are many ways to meet the basic skills requirement, which include earning qualifying scores on the CBEST, CSU EAP/ELM/EPT, SAT, ACT, or AP Exams. If you take the [CBEST](#), do it right after you've completed transferable math and English.
3. Complete: [BA/BS in your major](#)
4. Verify Subject Matter Competence
  - a. May be met by completing a BA/BS degree in your major at a university that has a [Commission-Approved Subject Matter Prep Program](#)
  - b. Pass the California Subject Exam for Teachers (CSET): [Single Subject Exam](#)
5. Complete a [Single Subject Teacher Preparation Program](#)

*Apply for Your Preliminary Teaching Credential and Become a California Teacher!*

Typically, Cuesta College students who are prospective Middle or High School teachers will complete the Associate Degree for Transfer in their chosen subject, then a Bachelor's Degree in that same major, and finally, a Single Subject Credential program.

## AA-T/AS-T in your major

**i** By completing the **AA-T/AS-T in your major** at Cuesta you will finish all of your lower-division major and general education requirements, as well as, 1 of your credential requirements (an American Government course). In addition, you will be guaranteed admission to a “similar” major at a CSU campus and that you will only complete 60 additional units after transfer to complete your BA/BS degree. You may also choose to take the EDUC 200 - Intro to the Teaching Profession class which will examine topics related to teaching diverse learners in today’s schools and provide the opportunity to observe and participate in a local public school setting.

## BA/BS degree in your major

**i** By earning the **BA/BS degree in your major**, you will complete the upper division coursework that serves to meet the subject area competency requirements for your credential program or prepare you to achieve a passing score on the appropriate California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). Usually during your final year of the bachelor’s degree program you would apply to Single Subject Teacher Preparation Program to complete your credential requirements.

## Single Subject Teacher Preparation Program

**i** A **Single Subject Teacher Preparation Program** will include coursework in areas such as teaching methodologies, curriculum development, and classroom management. It will also include student teaching in a local school classroom under the supervision of an experienced teacher and will help to develop the skills needed for teaching in a classroom.

- The Teacher Preparation Program will include a Teaching Literacy course for teaching English learners. You will learn to provide instruction for English language development and specially designed academic instruction within your subject area and grade level.
- During the Teacher Preparation Program, usually after you’ve completed a Teaching Literacy course, you’ll take the Reading Instruction Competency Assessment (RICA).
- Most, if not all, of the other requirements for your Preliminary Teaching Credential are embedded in the AA-T/AS-T, BA/BS and Teacher Prep Programs.
- Upon completion of your Teacher Prep Program the California college or university will submit a formal recommendation to the CTC and you will complete the application process for your Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential!

If you’d like more information or have questions about the Middle or High School Teacher Pathway, the AA-T/AS-T degree requirements, or the transfer process to your BA/BS major, contact the Counseling Department 805-546-3138(SLO) or 805-591-6241(NCC).