

§ 80096. Determination of Subject Matter Competency.

(a) When reviewing transcripts for subject matter competency under sections 44259(b)(5)(A)(iii) and (v) of the Education Code, a Commission-approved program of professional preparation shall use these standards:

(1) A grade of “C” or higher or “Pass” or “Credit” must be earned in each course used to demonstrate subject matter competence, each course must have been degree-applicable, credit bearing, and must have been completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Remedial courses may not be used to demonstrate subject matter competence.

(2) Successful completion of coursework that subsumes or requires the candidate to have prior knowledge of the content identified in one or more domains of the subject matter requirements may be considered as evidence of competence in those domains.

(b) When reviewing transcripts for subject matter competency under section 44259(b)(5)(A)(iv) of the Education Code, the Commission or a Commission-approved program of professional preparation may accept the following options in addition to those outlined in statute:

(1) For Single Subjects, successful completion of a baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a major that is directly aligned with one of the broad or subsumed subject areas outlined in section 80005(a).

(2) For Multiple Subjects, successful completion of a baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a major of Liberal Studies, Liberal Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies, Elementary Education, or other degree that includes coursework in the content areas pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 44282 of the Education Code.

(3) For Education Specialists, any of the options outlined in subsections (1) or (2) above.

Note: Authority cited: Section 44225(d), Education Code. Reference: Section 44259, Education Code.