

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 5. EDUCATION
DIVISION 8. COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING
CHAPTER 1. Credentials Issued Under the Teacher Preparation and Licensing Law of 1970
Article 3. Examinations and Subject Matter Programs

§80096. Determination of Subject Matter Competency.

(a) When reviewing official transcripts for subject matter competency under sections 44259(b)(5)(A)(iii) and (v) of the Education Code, acceptable coursework shall meet all of the following:

- (1) Coursework earned with a grade of "C" or higher. Courses earned with "Pass," "Credit," or another designation deemed by the institution of higher education to be equivalent to a grade "C" or higher are also acceptable.
- (2) Coursework that is degree-applicable to an Associate or higher degree and credit bearing. Remedial coursework is not acceptable.
- (3) Coursework that was completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

(b) When reviewing official transcripts for subject matter competency for a Single Subject Credential under section 44259(b)(5)(A)(iv)(I) of the Education Code, a major in one of the subject areas in which the commission credentials candidates shall mean that the name of the credential is in the name of the major or degree or the following:

- (1) For the single subject area World Language: English Language Development, a major in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) or Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL).
- (2) For the single subject area of Home Economics, a major in family and consumer science.
- (3) For the single subject area of Mathematics, a major in statistics.
- (4) For the single subject area of Science: Biological Science, a major in biology, biological engineering, or biochemistry.
- (5) For the single subject area of Science: Chemistry, a major in chemical engineering or biochemistry.
- (6) For the single subject area of Science: Geoscience, a major in geology or earth science.
- (7) For the single subject area of Science: Physics, a major in mechanical or structural engineering.
- (8) For the single subject area of Science: Foundational-Level Science, a major in any type of engineering or any major offered by a college or university science department.

(c) When reviewing official transcripts for subject matter competency for a Multiple Subject Credential under section 44259(b)(5)(A)(iv)(II) of the Education Code, a liberal studies major shall mean any of the following majors:

- (1) Liberal Studies.
- (2) Liberal Arts.

(3) Elementary Education.

(d) When reviewing official transcripts for subject matter competency for a Multiple Subject Credential under section 44259(b)(5)(A)(iv)(II) of the Education Code for any other degree that includes coursework in the content areas pursuant to section 44282(b) of the Education Code, such coursework must meet the criteria set forth in subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) above.

(e) When reviewing official transcripts for an Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential under section 44265(a) of the Education Code, subject matter competency may be demonstrated by a major in Child Development; Child and Adolescent Development; Human Development; Human Development and Family Science; Family Science; Early Childhood Education; Early Childhood Studies; Child, Adolescent and Family Studies; or Child and Family Studies.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference: Sections 44225 and 44259, Education Code.

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