

MA in Education: Teaching and Single Subject Teaching Credential

Azusa Pacific University's Master of Arts in Education: Teaching and Single Subject Teaching Credential program (<https://www.apu.edu/education/programs/masters-in-teaching-single-subject/>) prepares candidates to earn a Master of Arts in Education: Teaching degree along with an embedded California Single Subject Preliminary Teaching Credential. This program includes comprehensive foundation courses emphasizing teaching and educational methods, as well as specialization courses providing content required for the single subject credential. Practical classroom and fieldwork experiences provide application to theory, preparing candidates to teach in diverse settings. Advanced coursework in the emphasis area of teaching provides the context for evaluation, analysis, and continuous improvement of teaching practices and programs, providing breadth to a rich and robust program. The mode of delivery includes face-to-face instruction, campus-based classes, distance learning, blended and online courses, and clinical experiences.

Azusa Pacific University's Single Subject Credential program is approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) (<https://www.ctc.ca.gov>) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) (<https://caepnet.org>), and includes specific methods courses that are accompanied by practical classroom applications and field experiences in public school assignments.

Upon completion of the requirements listed below and all of the requirements detailed in the Steps to a Credential (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-education-behavioral-sciences/school-education/teacher-education/steps-to-credential/>), the candidate will have earned a California Single Subject Preliminary Teaching Credential and a Master of Arts in Education: Teaching.

Note: The preparation for a Single Subject Preliminary Teaching Credential is available in the following subject areas: art, business, English language arts, mathematics, music, physical education, science, social science, and world languages.

Computer and Software Requirements

Each student must have a Mac or PC laptop or notebook running the latest operating system with a word processing program and a stable internet connection.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Foundation Courses		
TESP 501	Art of Teaching I: Foundations of Teaching ¹	3
TESP 502	Science of Teaching I: How Students Learn ¹	3
TESP 503	The Soul of Teaching: Tapestry of American Education	3
TESP 504	Schools and Educational Systems	3
Specialization Courses		
TEP 511	Art of Teaching II: Pedagogy and Instructional Design	3
TEP 512	Science of Teaching II: Effective Assessment Strategies for All Learners	3
TEP 531	Methods of Teaching Reading and Writing (7-12)	3
TEP 532	Secondary Pedagogy I: Teaching in Secondary Schools (7-12)	2
TEP 533	The Differentiated Classroom: Maximizing Capacity of Each Learner (7-12)	3
TEP 534	Secondary Pedagogy II: Content-Specific Strategies, Teaching, and Assessment (7-12)	2
TEP 561	Clinical Practice I: Single Subject Credential	2
TEP 562	Clinical Practice II: Single Subject Credential	2
Emphasis Courses		
EDUC 560	Action Research in Education	1
EDUC 536	Family, Community, and School Connections	3
EDUC 537	Curriculum Development, Revision, and Evaluation Process	3
EDUC 538	Current Issues in Education	3
EDUC 569	Capstone Seminar	2
Elective Courses ²		
EDUC 547	Special Topics in Educational Technology ³	3
Total Units ⁴		44-47

- 1 These courses must be completed prior to beginning clinical practice.
- 2 Electives can be used towards the master's degree only for individuals needing additional units to complete the degree. Elective courses cannot be used to replace foundation, specialization, or emphasis course requirements.
- 3 May be taken for credit up to three times as an additional elective as long as topics are not repeated.
- 4 This program is designed to be completed with 44 units; the use of elective units to complete the degree may increase the unit total.

NOTE: A maximum of 8 units may be taken per 8-week session. Teacher candidates in master's degree programs who have opted to waive some coursework must take additional units to fulfill the unit requirement. Completion of all credential requirements—including all examinations, coursework, and other requirements—must be met before the master's degree will be posted. A Graduation Application (<https://www.apu.edu/student-services/registration/#gradproforms>) must be completed and fees paid by the deadlines set by the registrar.

NOTE: Candidates who hold an intern credential must enroll in a candidate support and supervision course (TEP 590) during each 8-week session (fall or spring) in which they are not enrolled in a clinical practice course.

It is the candidate's responsibility to submit a credential application through the Office of Credentials (<https://www.apu.edu/education/resources/credentials/>) upon completion of a credential program to receive his/her California educator credential.

Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Engage and support all students in learning.
2. Create and maintain effective environments for student learning.
3. Understand and organize subject matter for student learning.
4. Plan instruction and design learning experiences for all students.
5. Assess student learning.
6. Develop as a professional educator.