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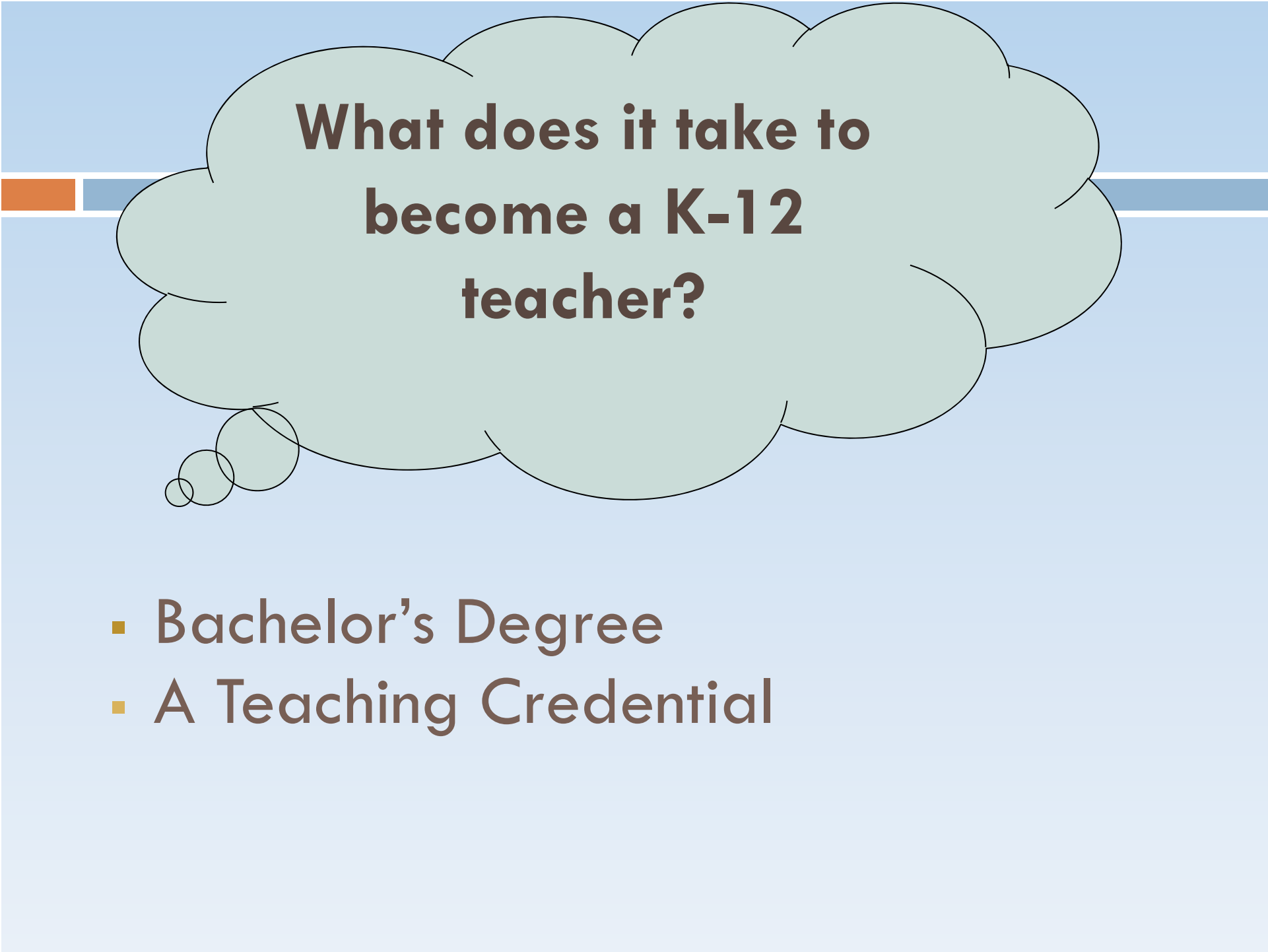
Center for Careers in Teaching
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About the Center for Careers in Teaching (CCT)

It's a complicated path to become a teacher: CCT is an undergraduate advising center specifically for future teachers!

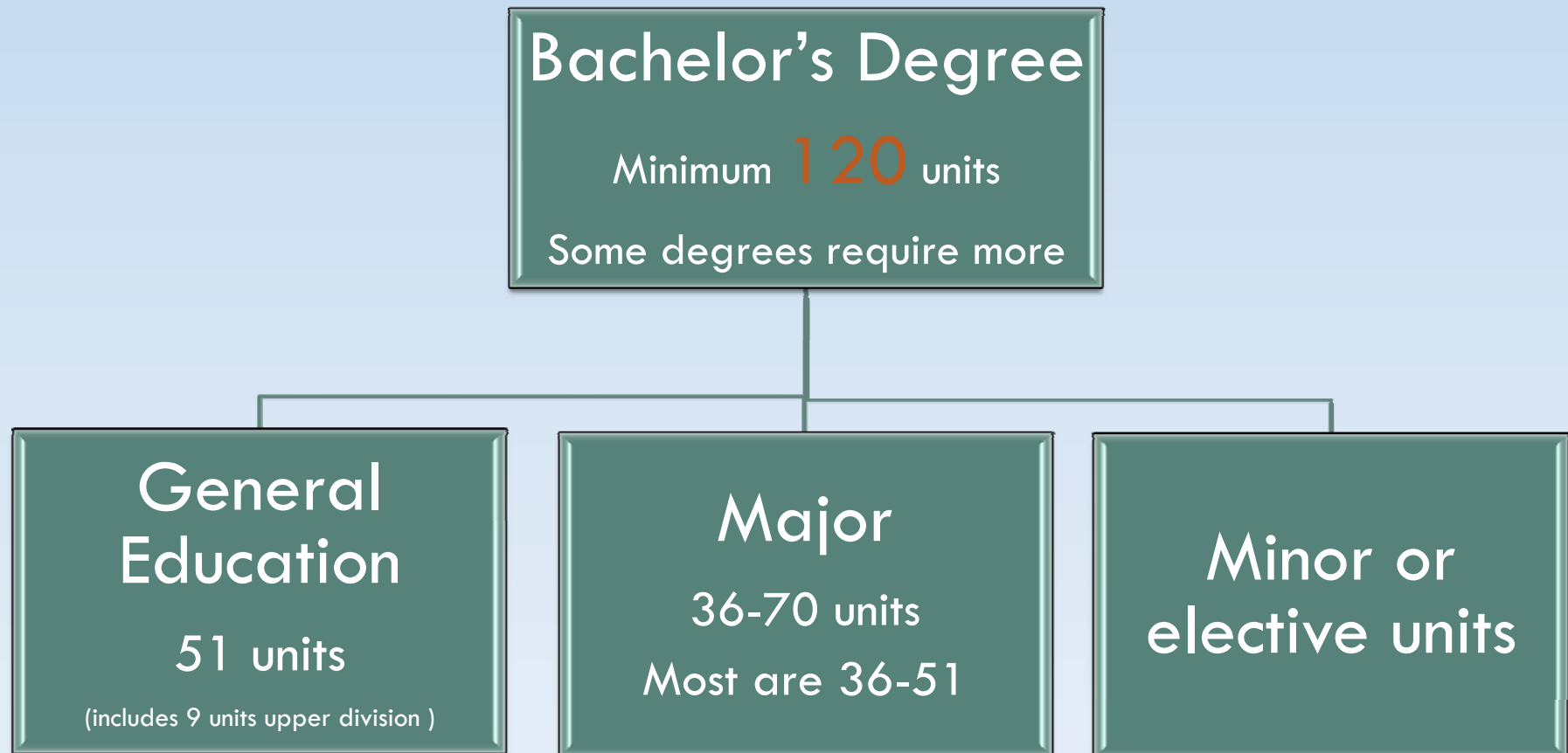
- CCT provides academic advising to help coordinate your multiple goals and requirements.
- We will help you streamline the process by recommending the specific classes you need.
- CCT is an Information Management Service: The world of teaching changes constantly and we can help you keep up to date.



**What does it take to
become a K-12
teacher?**

- Bachelor's Degree
- A Teaching Credential

What does it take to earn a bachelor's degree?



Future Teachers Fulfill Multiple Sets of Requirements

Subject Matter
Preparation

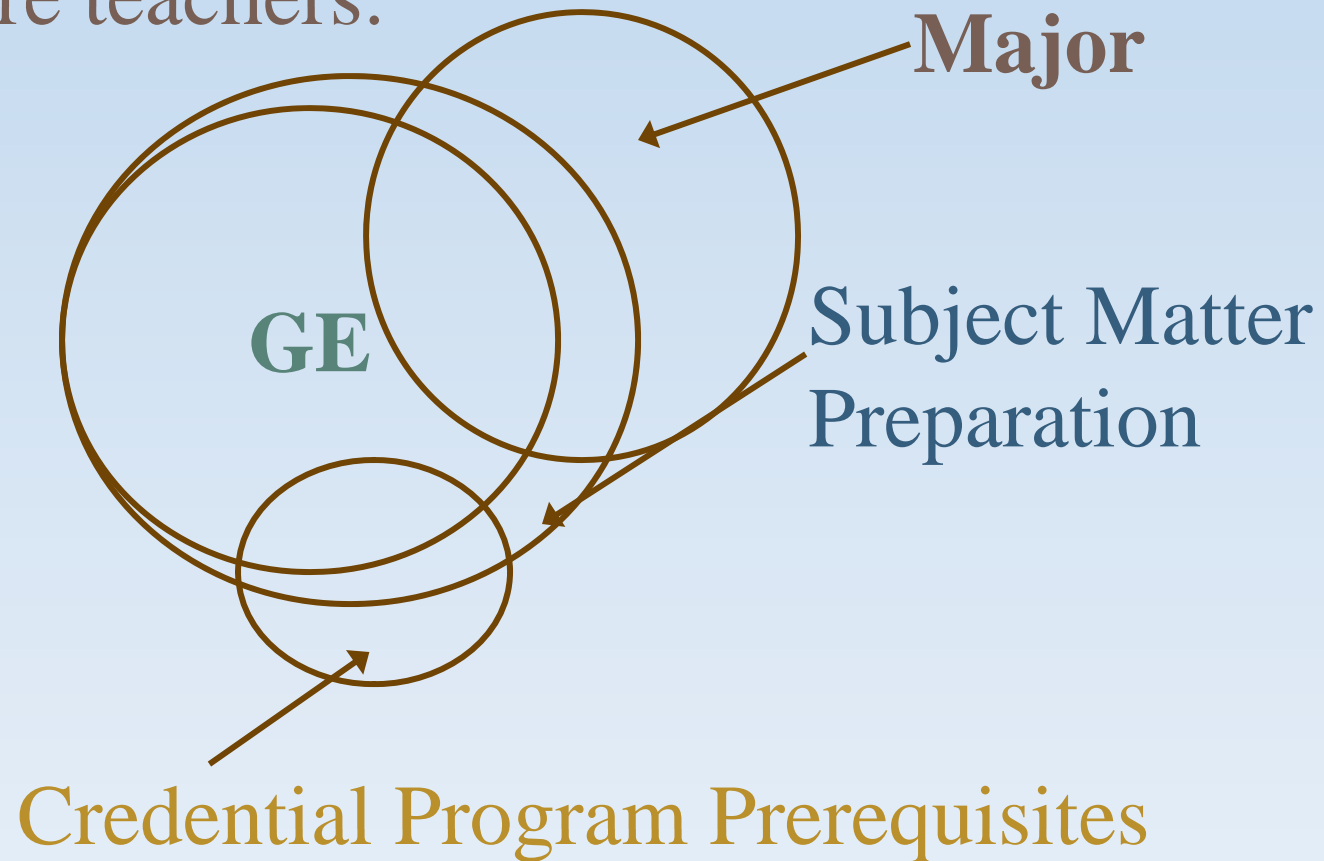
GE

Major

Credential
Program
Prereqs

Multiple Sets of Requirements

For future teachers:



Popular Majors for Teaching Elementary School

Traditional Majors

- Child & Adolescent Development (CHAD)
- Liberal Studies (LBST)



Other Possibilities:

- ❑ American Studies
- ❑ Anthropology
- ❑ Asian American Studies
- ❑ Chicano Studies
- ❑ Communications
- ❑ Criminal Justice
- ❑ English
- ❑ Geography
- ❑ History
- ❑ Human Services
- ❑ Psychology
- ❑ Religious Studies
- ❑ Sociology

Popular Majors for Teaching High School

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- Modern Languages
- Geology
- Kinesiology (P.E.)
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics

For Social Science:

- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian American Studies
- Chicano Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Liberal Studies
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Political Science

What is a teaching credential ?

- This is a license issued by the state that authorizes a person to teach
- The body that issues credentials is the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing (CCTC)
- The credential is issued upon the recommendation of a University after completion of an approved Credential program

Types of Credentials

- Multiple Subject K-6
- Single Subject 7-12
- Education Specialist K-12

What does a teacher need to know?

❑ **Subject Matter**

- ❑ Knowledge of the subject(s) they will teach.

❑ **Pedagogy (how to teach)**

- ❑ Applying the subject matter through proven teaching methods ,strategies, and student teaching.

How do you prepare in these two categories of knowledge?

Subject Matter

- General Education
- Major Studies
- Electives



Pedagogy

- Credential Program
(including student teaching)



Credential Program Prerequisites

- U.S constitution course or test

- Exams:
 - Basic Skills Requirement (CBEST)
 - CSET or completed Subject Matter Preparation Program

- Completed application, including background check, autobiography and letters of recommendation

- GPA Requirement: 2.75 (last 60 units)

- Prerequisite courses
 - Single Subject – EDSC 310, 320, 330, 340
 - Multiple Subject – Human Development, EDEL 315, 325

CBEST

California Basic Educational Skills Test

- The CBEST is a test of basic skills in Math, Reading Comprehension, and Writing.
- The state requires all K-12 teachers to have passed this exam before entering a credential program

When should I take the CBEST?

- The CBEST requires you have a high school diploma, GED or the equivalent.
- It is best to take the test as soon as possible; preferably after your GE Math and English Composition.
- Once you have passed the CBEST, the scores do not expire

Subject Matter Competency

- ☞ Teachers need to “know their stuff” in the subject(s) they teach.
- ☞ The state requires proof of subject matter knowledge by:
 - State-approved exam :



CSET[®]
California Subject Examinations for Teachers[®]

or

- State approved program of study (SMPP) –
 - this option available for some single subject majors only

CSET

California Subject Examinations for Teachers

- The CSET is offered in 3-4 subtests which may be taken together or separately.
- All subtests must be passed **prior** to admission to the credential program.
- Students prepare for this exam through the general education, major and/or elective courses they take.

What About Teaching Special Education?

The Specialist Credential allows you to teach K-12 special needs students.

You can enter the Special Education Credential Program with the option of following the same subject matter competency for multiple subject or single subject credential programs.

Credential Program pre-requisites:

- SPED 371 Exceptional Individual
- SPED 322 Introduction to Positive Behavior Support
- SPED 425 Language and Culture of Special Populations

Things to consider...

- High need areas of specialty

- **Science**

- Minor in Natural Science

- 21 to 23 units

- Provides a subject matter foundation for the Foundational Level General Science (FLGS) Credential

- **Math**

- Minor in Elementary or Secondary Math

- 20 to 22 units

- Provides a subject matter foundation for the Foundational Level Math (FLM) Credential





What steps should I take next?

- Explore the Center for Careers in Teaching web site.
- Attend an orientation for your major.
- Attend a full CCT seminar during your first semester for further information.
- See your major advisor.
- Call the CCT for an appointment for one-on-one advisement and an academic map (657) 278-7130.

Center for Careers in Teaching

Visit the CCT web site at:

<http://www.fullerton.edu/cct>

-  Sample academic plans
-  Teaching news and information
 -  CCT Seminar dates
 -  Important web links