

General Instructions to Apply for the Single Subject Art Credential Program

Portfolio evaluations are in the spring for students applying to the program in the fall.
To sign up to observe or present please add your name to the spreadsheet to get a ZOOM invitation.

Before applying to the program, you must attend a Credential program overview, Fall 2024 –
Application opens on October 1, 2023
Deadline: February 15, 2024 (applications received after the priority deadline may be considered if space is available in the program)

Directions for currently or previously enrolled CSUF BA or BFA students:

To apply to the education program on CAL STATE APPLY, enroll in Art 441 in the fall and apply before the winter deadline on Cal State Apply. In the spring you will receive an email inviting you to submit a portfolio of 15-20 artworks in March during a live Zoom presentation in front of a panel of art educators and faculty. The portfolio must demonstrate your foundation art skills (2-D and 3-D). Students accepted to the teaching program through Cal State Apply (see link above) and pass the portfolio review begin taking classes in the fall 2024. All work must have been completed in the last 10 years, no work from Middle School or High School should be included.

Additionally, there are Education program electives that must be taken before you finish your Single Subject Credential. We suggest taking at least 4-5 of these courses before applying to the program and 1-2 during your student teaching once you are admitted to the program. You must finish all these classes in addition to your BA or BFA requirements to meet the Credential Program requirements. Attached is the new pathway worksheet for Art Education that lists required classes and has all the EDSC and class pre-requisites listed. Note – EDSC 410 should be taken before starting student teaching – information learned in the class is integral to completing the TPA exam.

All students must prove they meet the subject matter competency requirement before beginning the credential program. The subject matter competency can be met in several different ways. Students must also prove they have met the Basic Skills Requirement before they begin the program. Please make an appointment with an advisor in the Center for Careers in Teaching for more details about each of these requirements. ART 441 guides the student through the application process and will offer the support you need to put together all your documents for portfolio and application. Students take Art 441 in the Fall of their Junior or Senior year; the course is only taught in the fall and must be completed or in progress before you apply to the College of Education Single Subject Art Credential Program.

After acceptance, students begin their externship on site at a public middle school or high school. Teaching Candidates student teach 3 classes during the day and take credential classes during the evening. This route takes a year of student teaching. During this year students take the TPA exam to prove competency and be granted a single subject credential to teach art in California.

Fully credentialed single subject teachers in California make about \$50K a year (this varies based on school district) to start, \$85 on average and top out at about \$98-\$100K at the 10-year mark. Single subject teaching positions include health care and union membership/protections. Single subject credentialing takes time, but it is an investment in your earning potential and quality of life.

Directions for Non CSUF Art graduates:

We prioritize students who have accredited degrees in Art or have extensive art classroom teaching experience and an exceptional art portfolio of artwork completed in the last 4 years. Applicants must also take Art 441 through Open University and complete the required Ed Foundations Classes. Attached is a list of the new pathway worksheet for Art Education that lists the classes and has all of the EDSC pre-requisites listed.

Alternative to the Credential Program:

A faster route to employment is a Career and Technical Education (CTE), credential which would consider industry experience in an arts discipline covered by the credential. This is not a route that we offer here at CSUF, but we do encourage students to get the credential on their own if they have Animation or Graphic Design industry experience as it can provide supplemental hourly wages to your full-time teaching position and makes you a desirable employee as you can work in the classroom during the day and teach afterschool CTE classes for hourly wages (25\$ an hour on average). CTE teachers do not usually work full time though they can if they move around to different schools. A full-time CTE teacher can make about \$40K a year and that amount usually does not change over time. Schools hire a few part-time CTE teachers to teach after school classes in areas like graphic design, and animation. CTE classes lead to an art industry but do not necessarily have the enrollment to run industry classes with a full section of students during the day. These are supplemental classes for high school students and do not count toward a student's graduation credits.

This is information about how to do the CTE credential on your own if you are interested:

<https://ocde.us/EducationalServices/CareerEducation/CTE/Documents/First%20Time%20Credential%20Application%2022-23.pdf>