

CSET Math FAQ

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For the most official up-to-date information about the test and teacher credentialing requirements, please consult the source:

California Teacher Credentialing (CTC)

Test information http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/test_info_CSET.asp?t=211.

Credentialing information <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/teach.html>

I haven't taken math in years! Can I still pass?

Yes! But be prepared to put in a lot of studying. You're essentially trying to cram four years of high school into three tests. OCDE has [workbooks](#) and [online classes](#) to help you through it!

How do the online courses work?

The courses are 100% online. Video lectures and assignments are available 24/7 with a suggested timeline and due dates. Since there are no class times, students have the flexibility to study according to their own schedules. Discussion boards offer a collaborative environment for students to ask/answer questions of their peers. Assignments may be turned in for teacher feedback.

Instructor Laura Rickhoff will be moderating the course. She has over ten year's experience tutoring this particular exam and is excited to be able to help future and current teachers. You can view examples of her teaching videos on YouTube:

[Subtest I: Official Practice Test](#)

[Subtest II: Official Practice Test](#)

[Subtest III: Official Practice Test](#)

Prerequisites for online courses

Subtest I and Subtest II

- these two subtests can be taken in any order, though passing subtest I first may be slightly preferred
- be aware that this class is meant as a refresher and moves at a fast pace
- if you are very rusty it is recommended that prior to the course you
 - watch Khan Academy's Algebra II/Geometry all the way through
 - and/or
 - brush up with a textbook

- Humongous book of Algebra Problems/Humongous book of Geometry problems by Michael Kelley are well-done easy reads

Subtest III

- passage of subtest I and subtest II
- prior calculus experience
 - this 5-week course is intended as a refresher
 - Calculus is beautiful, intricate course that deserves a full year of study to give it its proper due, especially if you could be teaching it in the future. If you have not taken calculus before, it is recommended you
 - take a calculus course through a local community college (trigonometry would be a prerequisite to this)
 - watch Khan Academy's Trigonometry and Calculus curriculum all the way through, using any of the following resources for supplemental problems
 - Schaum's Outlines for Calculus
 - The Humongous book of Calculus Problems
 - or any calculus text you like

Do I need to buy any books/materials when I sign up for the online class?

No. All course materials will be provided for you through the course website.

Can I purchase study materials without taking the class?

Yes! Comprehensive study guides available through the OCDE website:

www.ocde.us/leadership

Additional materials are available by contacting LRickhoff@gmail.com.

Do I need to take all three subtests?

You only need to pass subtests I and II for a foundational level math credential. This credential authorizes teaching only in limited mathematics content areas: general mathematics, algebra, geometry, probability and statistics, and consumer mathematics. It's best to check with individual schools/districts as more competitive ones may prefer all three be passed.

Will the classes be offered again?

Yes! More classes will be available in the summer, possibly before. Please check back for future class dates.

Questions?

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