

## What is the CSET:MS?

The California Subject Examination Test: Multiple Subject is a test consisting of multiple choice and short response questions. It is designed to measure knowledge and critical thinking skills of future elementary school teachers. The following are the three subtest areas:

- ◆ **Subtest #1:** Reading, Language, and Literature; History and Social Science
- ◆ **Subtest #2:** Science and Mathematics
- ◆ **Subtest #3:** Physical Education, Human Development, Visual and Performing Arts

## If I plan to complete ITEP-Junior Option, when do I need to pass the CSET:MS?

You must show passage of all three subtests prior to the semester you plan to do the first semester of student teaching.

## How can I prepare for the test?

There are many ways to prepare for the CSET:

1. The best way to prepare is to complete your subject matter courses in the major before attempting each subtest. Please check the back of this handout for the recommended sequence of classes prior to taking the test.
2. You can visit [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com) to download a free practice test.
3. The Liberal Studies Program offers on-going free CSET Preparation Workshops. Visit [www.csun.edu/liberalstudies](http://www.csun.edu/liberalstudies) for the next available workshop.
4. You may purchase a CSET Preparation Guide from any bookstore to study on your own.
5. The Roland Tseng College of Extended Learning offers more extensive CSET Preparation Workshops for a fee. For additional information, please call (818) 677-2465.

## Recommended Sequence of Courses Prior to Taking the CSET: MS



*Complete the courses listed prior to each subtest.*



*Take the subject areas covered in the order shown below.*



*Spread out your courses so they are more manageable.*

### **Subtest #1**

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
·Intro to Literature ·U.S. History	·ENGL 301 ·U.S. Government	·ENGL 302 ·GEOG 150	·ENGL 305 ·HIST 110	·ENGL 428 ·GEOG/HIST 417

### **Subtest #2**

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
·Biology	·MATH 210	·MATH 310	·PHSC 170	·GEOG/GEOL106LRS

### **Subtest #3**

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
·Lower division Performing & Visual Arts	·CADV 150 or FCS 330	·Visual & Performing Arts and the Child: #1	·Visual & Performing Arts and the Child: #2	·KIN 470/L