Basic Skills Requirement/CBEST

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The Basic Skills Requirement (BSR) is required by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) for anyone seeking a credential, certificate, or permit to teach in California. By meeting the BSR, you demonstrate proficiency in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

When do I need to meet the Basic Skills Requirement?

It varies based on your credential program and school employer. Some teaching credential programs require the BSR prior to program enrollment. You should contact the teaching credential program you're considering to see what their deadline is. The BSR may also be required as a condition of employment. You should contact the school district you're considering for more information.

How can I meet the Basic Skills Requirement?

You must satisfy one of the following options:

1. **[NEW] Possession of a bachelor's degree earned at a regionally accredited college** ***(note: SNHU is a regionally accredited university so all Rivet School BA grads should meet this requirement).***

2. Pass the CBEST with a minimum score of 41 in each of the three sections (reading, writing, and mathematics) or a score as low as 37 on an individual section if the total score is at least 123.

Examples of Passing Scores			
Reading	**Writing**	**Math**	**Total**
41	41	41	123
50	37	41	128
37	37	60	134

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3. Pass all three subtests of the CSET: Multiple Subjects (subtests #101, 214, & 103) plus the CSET: Writing Skills (test #142) with a minimum score of 220 on each.

Subtest 101	Subtest 214	Subtest 103	Subtest 142
220	220	220	220

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4. Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) or the CSU Placement Examinations: Entry Level Math (ELM) and English Placement Test (EPT).

	Math	English
CSU Early Assessment Program	"College Ready" or "Exempt"	"College Ready" or "Exempt"
CSU Placement Exams	50	151

5. Achieve qualifying scores on the SAT, ACT, or College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations.

	Math	English
SAT taken before March 2016	550	500
SAT taken after March 2016	570	560
ACT	23	22
AP Exams	3	3

6. Pass a basic skills exam from another state.

7. Meet the BSR through coursework (see below)

8. Meet the BSR through a combination of coursework and exam.