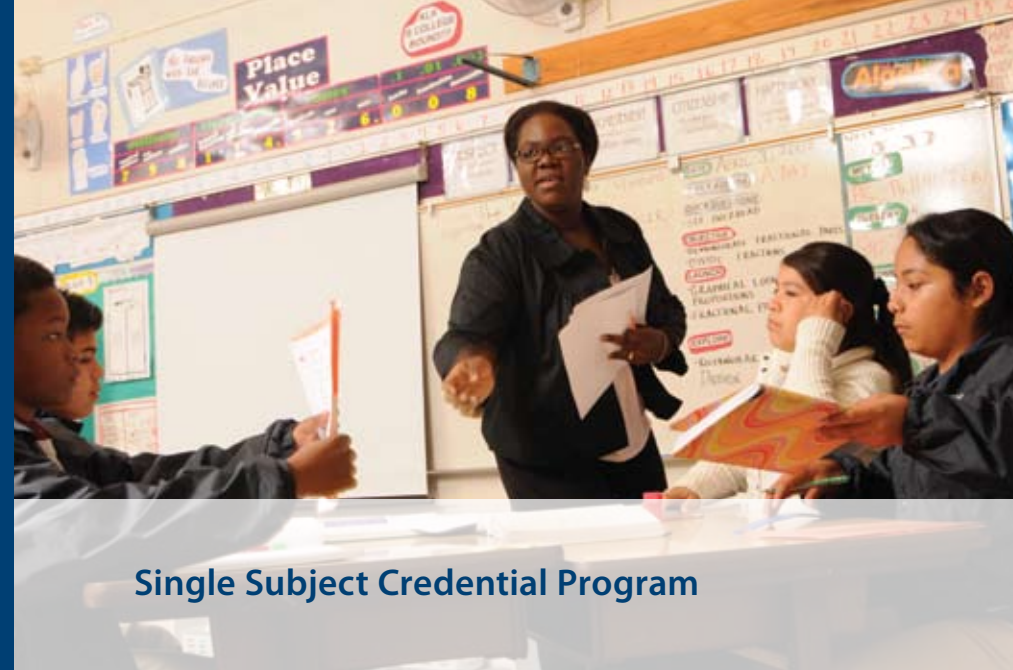




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## Single Subject Credential Program



### Program Overview

The Single Subject Credential Program at the University of San Diego is designed to prepare reflective educators who are knowledgeable in theory and practice, pertaining both to the general management and conduct of a secondary classroom and the specific requirements of teaching in subject-specific areas of the curriculum. Our program seeks to credential professionals who are set to teach in a variety of educational settings, including private, public, rural, urban and international schools.

Although designed to prepare teachers for any secondary classroom, the 30-unit program is explicitly aligned with California's 2042 legislation and the state's Teacher Performance Expectations are integrated throughout coursework and field experiences. All credential seekers complete a variety of field experiences designed to expose them to diverse educational settings and an array of professional models of excellent practice. Candidates may apply concurrently for a teacher credential and master's degree. Successfully completed credential units may be used to meet master's degree elective requirements.

The University of San Diego is committed to presenting the latest innovations in education, including: up-to-the-minute educational technologies; curriculum design; pedagogical approaches to support culturally and linguistically diverse students; strategies to provide high-quality instruction to all learners; and critical habits of mind that will support educators in their own professional development throughout their careers.

### Distinguishing Features

The University of San Diego is a student-centered institution. In keeping with the university's mission, the Single Subject Credential Program emphasizes appreciation for diversity, service, social justice, inquiry and reflection in professional practice. Some outstanding features include:

- **Diverse field experiences:** Prior to student teaching, candidates complete two 50-hour practicum experiences in secondary classrooms, and a variety of shorter experiences focusing on such topics as inclusion, multiculturalism, and service-learning. Together, field experiences give candidates teaching

experience in both middle school and high school. These opportunities not only prepare candidates for the needs of California's diverse student population, they are also interwoven with coursework to support candidates' understanding of the interplay between theory and practice as they develop their professional skill set.

- **International opportunities:** Candidates may participate in overseas global studies courses, and have the option to student teach overseas.
- **Personal attention:** Each candidate has a faculty adviser, access to support personnel who specialize in credential and job-seeking requirements, and small class sizes. Together, these dimensions of the program assure personalized attention for each credential candidate.
- **Outstanding faculty:** All USD faculty members maintain active research and professional development agendas, staying well versed in the latest innovations. In alumni surveys, former students routinely recommend the program because of the quality of the learning and teaching they received in USD's Single Subject Credential Program.

### Program Curriculum

The School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) faculty enrich all programs and course offerings with the values, concepts and themes that we all believe will help students become ethical, civic-minded and committed leaders in their chosen fields. The following is a list of the required curricula for the Single Subject Credential Program, which meets all of California's 2042 credentialing requirements:

EDU 558XB	First and Second Language Development and Structure for the Classroom Teacher	3 CEU units
EDUC 581C	Multicultural and Philosophical Foundations of Education	3 units
EDUC 582	Psychological Foundations of Education in a Diverse Society	3 units
EDUC 532P	Curriculum and Methods of Teaching in Secondary Schools	3 units
EDUC 534P	Methods of Teaching Reading in Secondary Schools This course meets the California requirement that all teachers know methods of teaching reading.	3 units
EDUC 584C	Methods of Teaching English Language and Academic Development	3 units
EDSP 589	Healthy Environments and Inclusive Education	3 units
EDUC 591	Single Subject Student Teaching with Seminar Includes 20 weeks of full-time teaching, plus seven seminar meetings. Admission to student teaching is based on coursework, prior field experiences and portfolio assessment.	9 units 3 units

### Admission Requirements

While applicants are evaluated based on a holistic method, the successful candidate for the program will demonstrate his or her candidacy in the following manner:

- Completed USD application, which can be submitted online at [www.sandiego.edu/admissions/graduate/application.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/admissions/graduate/application.php).
- College or university transcripts. Applicants must submit one official sealed transcript from every college or university attended. It is highly recommended that applicants order an additional set of official transcripts.

- Three professional letters of recommendation from a current supervisor or a professor attesting to both academic and personal skills and, if possible, to teaching abilities. Please do not submit personal recommendations.
- Statement of purpose explaining reasons for seeking the credential and including information on an applicant's experience in working with children or adolescents in school or non-school settings
- Resume
- A minimum grade point average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) in all undergraduate coursework
- Passing score on the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) or photocopy of reservation confirmation to take CBEST on next available date

Application deadlines vary by semester and students should visit [www.sandiego.edu/soles/](http://www.sandiego.edu/soles/) prospective for the most current deadlines.

### Financial Aid

Students may be eligible to apply for additional scholarships and financial aid through SOLES. To learn more about the opportunities available, please visit [www.sandiego.edu/soles/financialaid](http://www.sandiego.edu/soles/financialaid).

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