

Masters of Arts in Teaching

Single Subject Early Completion Option (ECO) Intern Credential

ECO Program

The Early Completion Option (ECO) Internship Program is an alternative pathway to earning a California Teaching Credential. When there is a lack of existing qualified candidates in an area, school districts may search for an individual who has partially completed a credential program and demonstrated the potential to be a highly successful classroom teacher. Through a partnership between the school district and Chapman University, ECO interns must complete a state-approved professional education program.

The Attallah College Early Completion Option (ECO) Internship Program within the Single Subject Intern Program is designed to allow qualified candidates who have the requisite skills and knowledge to demonstrate pedagogical skills through a performance assessment, thereby reducing the course requirements of the program based on a transcript review by the credential analyst.

Note that all ECO students are required to apply through the traditional MAT process and that Attallah College is not involved in finding internship positions for its students.

ECO Intern Minimum Admission Requirements

Individuals must satisfy *all* of the following requirements to be accepted as an ECO Intern:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Complete the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) Basic Skills Requirement (See CCTC leaflet [CL-667](#)).
3. Pass of one of the following assessments:
 - a. The National Evaluation Series (NES) Assessment of Professional Knowledge (APK): Secondary (Test code 052) for Single Subject candidates (See Terms and Definitions)
4. Complete the initial Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) task(s) provided within a commission-approved TPA model (See Terms and Definitions).

5. Complete a course (two semester units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution, or pass an examination in the subject given by a regionally accredited college or university.
6. Verify knowledge of the subject to be taught by one of the following two methods:
 - a. Achieve a passing score on all appropriate subject matter examination(s). Information regarding the appropriate subject matter examination(s), including passing scores and registration, can be found in Verifying Subject Matter Competence by Examination leaflets [CL-674S](#) for Single Subject.
 - b. For Single Subject Credential candidates, complete a commission-approved subject-matter program or its equivalent and obtain verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an approved program.
7. Complete fingerprint processing via Live Scan ([form 41-LS](#)), if not previously completed for the commission.
8. Have an offer of employment and be enrolled in a District Intern Program or a college or university with a commission-approved intern program. Applications must be submitted to the commission through the commission-approved intern program sponsor.

Requirements for Successful Completion of the Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential

Individuals must satisfy *all* of the following requirements:*

1. Complete requirements 1 through 7 listed above.
2. Pass the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA). It is necessary to satisfy the fieldwork component required for the intern program. Candidates must pass the TPA on the first attempt in order to be eligible for the ECO. If the candidate does not pass on the first attempt, he/she is no longer eligible to participate in the ECO program and must complete the full teacher preparation program. Candidates must demonstrate competence of the field experience required by the commission-approved intern program in which the candidate is enrolled.
3. Complete foundational computer technology coursework that includes general and specialized skills in the use of computers in educational settings.
4. Submit a recommendation from a commission-approved intern program sponsor using the CCTC online system.

* The employer may require additional instruction deemed necessary for the preparation of the candidate.