



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BAKERSFIELD
College of Social Sciences and Education

Financial Information

For Credential Students

The information provided in this presentation is only an overview to assist credential program applicants with an awareness on attendance costs and financial aid opportunities that may be available to them.

Applicants should note this information may not be up-to-date with the fluidity of changes in the administration of student aid. Please speak with a financial aid representative or review any provided information with the governing authority to obtain current information on the status of any scholarship, grant, or other financial benefit.

Estimated Costs

Tuition student fees, and university/program costs and fees are estimated and may be subject to change according to CSU, CSUB, State of California, and content owner policies.

Attendance Costs - University

- Cal State Apply Application fee - \$70.00 (nonrefundable)
- Transcripts – varies by institution
- Tuition/Student Fees - [Current tuition/fees](#) (Look under Post-Baccalaureate (Foundation Stage Courses) and Credential Program (Stage 1 & Stage 2 Courses))
 - **Please note: For tuition purposes a credential student is a student who has received admission to a credential program for their first preliminary credential. Applicants who need to take the prerequisite/foundation courses will have to pay the post-baccalaureate student tuition.**

Summer Session

- If a summer session is offered it is usually hosted by Extended Education, a part of the Division of Extended Education and Global Outreach at CSU Bakersfield. Extended Education courses are usually not eligible for financial aid so please be advised that if you choose to take summer courses you may be paying out of pocket for the courses.
- In addition, applicants applying for Fall but choosing to complete foundation courses over the summer are not eligible for financial aid as they are not yet CSUB students until the term of their admission acceptance.
- For more information on summer session and the summer schedule, visit [Summer Session](#). For more information on registering/fees for Extended Education courses, visit [Extended Education Registration](#).
- If you are a current CSUB student considering taking summer courses, visit [Financial Aid: Summer Aid](#).

Estimated Costs

Attendance Costs - Program

- Credential application fee (pre-program admission) - \$30.00 nonrefundable paid to CSUB
- Character clearance (pre/post program admission*) - LiveScan fee + CTC \$50.00 + District fingerprinting fee (paid to appropriate vendor)
- Mandated Reporter Training Certificate (pre/post admission*) - \$9.00 paid to Mandated Reporter California, website: [Mandated Reporter](#)
- Professional liability insurance (pre/post program admission*) - \$20.00 paid to CSUB
- LiveText (post program admission) - As of Feb 2025 \$133.00, paid to Watermark, website: [Watermark](#)
- Books - Varies by course: [Runner Bookstore](#)
- Exams -CSETs (Optional) - May be necessary to meet subject matter depending on how subject matter is being met, As of April 2025, \$99 a subtest paid to Pearson Education, website: [CSETs](#)
- CalTPA (Required) - As of April 2025, \$150 per test paid to Pearson Education, website: [CalTPA](#)

*Documents required for a fieldwork or clinical practice placement. May need to be purchased more than once to meet fieldwork/clinical practice placement clearance requirements.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. The types of financial aid available to students pursuing a teaching credential are very specific and applicants are encouraged to review the financial aid information for credential students and create a Roadrunner Scholarship Universe profile to explore aid that may be eligible for.

A student may also qualify for external aid and should examine external aid options. Other aid opportunities that may want to be explored are teacher residencies or a CSUB payment plan.

Office of Financial Aid handles aid relating to grants, scholarships, and loans.

- [CSUB Credential Student Scholarship List](#)

To contact Financial Aid:

Website: [Financial Aid](#)

Email: finaid@csub.edu

Tel: (661) 654-3016

Financial Aid

To create a Roadrunner Scholarship Universe profile (must be an active CSUB student):

[Roadrunner Scholarship Universe](#)

External Aid Opportunities:

[External Scholarships](#)

[CTC's comprehensive list of financial resources for credential students](#)

Other aid:

For information on Teacher Residencies: [Teacher Residency](#)

For information on CSUB Payment plan:

Student Financial Services:

Website: [Student Financial Services](#)

Email: sfs@csub.edu

Tel: (661) 654-3225

Financial Aid

Post Program:

The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award: Is a post-service benefit earned by individuals who complete an approved term of national service in AmeriCorps programs. The award may be used to pay educational expenses at eligible post-secondary institutions, including many technical schools and G.I. Bill approved programs, or to repay qualified students loans. The dollar amount of the education award is equal to the maximum amount of the U.S. Department of Education Pell Grant and may change year to year.

APLE - The APLE grant is a California teacher loan forgiveness program administered by the California Student Aid Commission. Teachers can be eligible for up to \$19,000 of student loan forgiveness. Funding is contingent upon approved California Budget Acts. For more information: www.csac.ca.gov.

PSLF - Public Service Loan Forgiveness is an employment qualifying loan forgiveness program for those who have Direct Loans. View complete program details at StudentAid.gov/publicservice.

TFL - Teacher Loan Forgiveness program - To qualify for TFL you must be employed as a full-time teacher at an eligible school for five complete and consecutive academic years. Only Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans and Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans qualify. Visit the [TFL Program](#) to learn more about the program.

Perkins Loan Cancellation - Perkins loan cancellation for teachers can only forgive Federal Perkins Loans. If you are eligible for Perkins Loan cancellation, up to 100% of your loan may be cancelled incrementally. Visit [Perkins Loan Cancellation for teachers](#) to learn more.

Student Resource: Article on different loan forgiveness programs for teachers: [Loan Forgiveness Programs for Teachers](#)