

Subject Matter Worksheet – Education Specialist (SPED)

Option 1 – Degree major verification

Do you hold a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctorate in an aligned major?

[List of Aligned Majors](#)

☐ If yes, submit a degree major verification form. [Degree Major Verification Form](#)
Include your approved form in your program application to show you met subject matter.

☐ If no, try a different option for subject matter.

Option 2 – Degree content verification (coursework lite)

Do you have previously taken coursework of a C- or better in these different areas?

Area:	Course taken:
Language skills (writing)	
Literature	
Math	
History	
Science	
The Arts	
Social Science	
Human Development	
Physical Education	

☐ If yes, submit for degree content verification. Make sure to check the [preapproved course list](#), if your course isn't listed remember to attach your catalog descriptions. [Degree Content Verification Form](#)
Include your approved form in your program application to show you met subject matter.

☐ If no, you may submit for a degree content verification and take a course in any outstanding area(s) to meet subject matter. This means you would need to resubmit for verification once you had taken courses in your outstanding area(s), or you may try a different option to meet subject matter.

Option 3 – Subject Matter Program

Did you attend a subject matter approved program as an undergraduate (bachelor's program)? Not sure if you did or didn't attend an approved program? Check on the approved program list: [Subject Matter Approved Programs](#)

- ☐ If yes, request a subject matter waiver letter from the institution you received your bachelor's degree from. Include this letter in your program application to show you met subject matter.
- ☐ If no, try a different option for subject matter.

Option 4 – Full coursework verification

Review the domains of Multiple Subject or Single Subject matter domain areas to see if you have previously taken coursework that might full the domains of one content area. All domains must be met in a content area to meet subject matter. [Subject Matter Domains](#).

Do you think you have coursework to fulfill all or some of the domains?

- ☐ If yes, submit for a coursework verification. [Coursework Verification](#)
- ☐ If no, try a different option.

Option 5 – Exams

If options 1-4 haven't been checked yes, you may want to try the CSETs: Multiple Subject or Single Subject. The number of subtests varies depending on which exam you take. To register: [CSETS](#)

To help you study for the exams there is a resource guide: [Test Prep Resource Guide](#).

Option 6 – Exam/Coursework

If you met some of the subtests from a full coursework verification and passed some of the subtests for the CSET in the same content area, then you may want to submit for an exam/coursework verification to see if you can meet subject matter between a combination of exams and coursework.

[Coursework/Exam Verification](#)