-Steps to Follow to Become a California Credentialed Teacher -Multiple Subject Preliminary Teaching Credential:

1. Complete a baccalaureate or higher degree, except in professional education, from a regionally accredited college or university.

2. Complete a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing-approved liberal arts subject matter Preparation Program as an undergraduate.

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Take and pass the Multiple Subjects Assessment Test (MSAT). You must take and pass both the Content Knowledge and Content Area Exercises portions of the MSAT. The total cost for taking these two tests on the same day is $245.

3. Take and pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). The cost of this test is $41.

4. Complete a multiple subject teacher preparation program including successful student teaching and obtain a formal recommendation for the credential by the California college or university where the program was completed. Examples of cost are $2000 for a CSU one-year credential program to $9000 for a UCLA two-year Credential and Masters program to $15,550 for Pepperdine's teaching credential program.

5. Take and pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA). This test costs $122.

6. Complete a course in the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution, or pass an examination in this area administered by a regionally accredited community college, college, or university. The cost of this exam is approximately $30.

7. Go to a local police station, pay about $20 to get your fingerprints taken. Submit the prints with an application and mail them with $110 to the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing.

-Multiple Subject Professional Clear Teaching Credential:

To clear a preliminary credential, teachers must satisfy the above conditions, AND:

1. Enroll in a health education for teachers course (may or may not be part of teaching credential program.) The cost of this class through UCLA extension is $250.
2. Take a course in special education and advanced computer education. If these courses are not part of the teacher’s formal preparation program, each course costs about $275 through UCLA extension.

3. Apply for the multiple subject professional clear teaching credential through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for a cost of $55.

-Single Subject Preliminary Teaching Credential:

1. Complete a baccalaureate or higher degree, except in professional education, from a regionally accredited college or university.

2. Complete a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing-approved subject matter Preparation Program as an undergraduate.

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Take and pass the both the Single Subject Assessment Test (SSAT) AND the Praxis test. The cost for the SSAT is approximately $100 and the Praxis costs $122.

3. Take and pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). The cost of this test is $41.

4. Complete a teacher preparation program in secondary education including successful student teaching and obtain a formal recommendation for the credential by the California college or university where the program was completed. Examples of cost are $2000 for a CSU one-year credential program to $9000 for a UCLA two-year Credential and Masters program to $15,550 for Pepperdine's teaching credential program.

6. Complete a course in the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution, or pass an examination in this area administered by a regionally accredited community college, college, or university. The cost of this exam is approximately $30.

7. Go to a local police station, pay about $20 to get your fingerprints taken. Submit the prints with an application and mail them with $110 to the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing.

-Single Subject Professional Clear Teaching Credential:

To clear a preliminary credential, teachers must satisfy the above conditions, AND:

1. Enroll in a "Health Education for Teachers" course (may or may not be part of teaching credential program.) The cost of this class through UCLA extension is $250.
2. Take a course in special education and advanced computer education. If these courses are not part of the teacher's formal preparation program, each course costs about $275 through UCLA extension.

3. Apply for the single subject professional clear teaching credential through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for a cost of $55.