

Frequently Asked Questions: Bilingual Spanish

Q: Am I applying for a Bilingual Credential?

A: *The State of California does not grant a Bilingual Credential; they grant a Bilingual Authorization. You are applying for a Bilingual **Authorization**. The Bilingual Authorization is added to a Multiple or Single Subject Credential and cannot be granted without a teaching credential. You must meet all the requirements of your regular credential in order have an authorization added to it.*

Q: How will I demonstrate my Spanish fluency?

A: *You will demonstrate your Spanish fluency in two ways. First, you must pass a writing and reading examination administered by the School of Education that will assess your Spanish language reading comprehension and knowledge of written Spanish. Second, you must pass an oral interview, which focuses on your ability to communicate effectively in Spanish.*

Q: Are there any additional course requirements for a Bilingual Authorization?

A: *Yes, there are additional courses that satisfy state requirements for the Bilingual Authorization that you must complete during your Credential year.*

Q: What is the additional cost to get a Bilingual Authorization?

A: *You will need to pass an additional CSET exam: **CSET Spanish subtest V** (history, geography, politics, and culture-test code 258). We recommend (but do not require) taking it before the start of the program. The fee for this subtest is \$99*. For more information on the CSET Spanish subtest V and how to register, please click [here](#). UC Davis does not charge an additional fee for the bilingual course(s) as they are taken along with your regular credential coursework.*

Q: Will I be placed in a bilingual student teaching setting during the Credential year?

A: *Yes, you will be placed in a classroom setting to refine your Spanish language skills in the content area(s). Multiple Subject candidates will be placed in a bilingual classroom for the long-term placement. Single Subject Candidates must teach in a Spanish setting during their short-term placement or for a minimum of 3 weeks, when possible.*

Q: Does my Spanish need to be perfect? Do I need to be a native-Spanish-speaker?

A: *You do not need perfect Spanish (there is no such thing!) and you do not need to be a native speaker. There are many kinds of bilinguals. Some grew up speaking Spanish, but never studied it in school, while others learned Spanish living abroad or as Spanish majors in college. If you can read, write, speak, and understand advanced Spanish and communicate clearly, you may be eligible for a Bilingual Authorization.*

***Please note: Eligible students will need to pay for the exams when they register but will receive a refund from Pearson after taking the exams. Note: Refund processing takes 3-4 months. More information on the fee waivers can be found [here](#).**