

FIND YOUR PATH TO THE THEATRE OR DANCE CREDENTIAL

Are you currently teaching Theatre or Dance in the classroom under an existing California credential?

NO

YES

YOU SHOULD APPLY FOR A CREDENTIAL PROGRAM
DANCE
THEATRE

SEE PRE-SERVICE CHECKLIST

DO YOU HAVE A THEATRE OR DANCE CREDENTIAL?

NO

YES

ARE YOU LOOKING TO ADD DANCE OR THEATRE TO YOUR CURRENT LIST OF CREDENTIALS?

WAS THIS CREDENTIAL ISSUED OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA?

NO

YES

NO

YES

YOU MAY CONTINUE TO TEACH DANCE OR THEATRE UNDER YOUR CURRENT CREDENTIAL ISSUED PRIOR TO JANUARY 2023

TAKE THE CSET AND A UNIVERSITY APPROVED PEDAGOGY COURSE *
SEE CHECKLIST BELOW

*Waived with approved coursework and a degree in the subject area

IS THIS A CTE/AME CREDENTIAL?

CHECK WITH CTC ABOUT WHETHER THERE IS RECIPROCITY.

NO

YES

WE WANT TO HELP YOU.
PLEASE EMAIL OR VISIT OUR WEBSITES

CALIFORNIA DANCE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

-OR- DANCECREDENTIAL@CDEADANCE.ORG

CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION

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YOU CAN CONTINUE TO TEACH CTE/AME CLASSES; CONSIDER ADDING THE THEATRE OR DANCE CREDENTIAL TO BE AS EMPLOYABLE AS POSSIBLE

CREDENTIAL LINGO CHEAT SHEET & LINKS

CDE: California Department of Education.

CTC: California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

CSET: California Subject Examinations for Teachers.

CDEA: California Dance Educators Association.

NDEO: National Dance Educators Organization.

CETA: California Educational Theatre Association

EdTA: Educational Theatre Association.

CTE: Career and Technical Education.

AME: Arts, Media and Entertainment.

CSU: California State University.

UC: University of California.

Pre-service: Future educators working towards their credential.

Authorization: What you are authorized to teach In California.

Reciprocity: Transferable out-of-state credential.



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PRE-SERVICE DANCE OR THEATRE CREDENTIAL CHECKLIST

For those with a 4 year undergrad degree from an accredited institution.

If you do not have a four year degree but have extensive professional experience, consider a CTE Credential In Arts, Media, and Entertainment



1 Take the CSET (Waived with approved coursework and a degree in the subject area)

- The California Subject Examinations for Teachers® (CSET®) have been developed by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) for prospective teachers who choose to or are required to meet specific requirements for certification by taking examinations.
- The CTC contracted the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson to assist in the development, administration, and scoring of the CSET.
- CSETs in Theatre and Dance will be available to take in the Fall of 2021.
- CSET test prep will be offered by both CETA and CDEA.

2 Apply for a Credential Program

- After your undergrad degree has been confirmed you can begin applying for a credential program in the state of California.
- Credential programs are available through an application process directed by the individual university colleges of education.
- A list of UC's, CSU's and Private Universities that are offering the credential program will be listed on the CETA and CDEA websites.

3 Join your Statewide Educators Organization

- Join the professional organization that supports you and your performing arts discipline.
- The California Educational Theatre Association (CETA) and the California Dance Education Association (CDEA) are here to support you by providing workshops, masterclasses, conferences, and student events. These all support your work in the classroom.
- Both CETA and CDEA advocate for the importance of Arts Education at the State and National Level. This is an important benefit of being a member.

4 Complete Credential

- Once you have completed your Theatre or Dance credential you are ready to begin applying for jobs.
- Use www.edjoin.org to begin your search.
- Job postings are also posted on the CETA and CDEA websites.
- Consider obtaining a credential in English or Physical Education so that you are as marketable as possible. This will require taking an additional CSET and methods course.



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