California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)

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What is the CBEST?

The CBEST is designed to meet requirements to credentialing and employment for careers in the education field.

- **Reading**: Assess your ability to comprehend information presented in written passages, tables, and graphs.
- **Mathematics**: Assesses your ability to: (1) estimation, measurement, and statistical principles; (2) computation and problem solving; and (3) numerical and graphic relationships. Most of the questions are presented in word problems.
- **Writing**: Assesses your ability to write effectively. By responding to 2 topics. One topic asks you to analyze a given situation or statement; the other asks you to write about a specified personal experience.

Who Takes it?

In California, students must demonstrate proficiency in basic skills if any one of the following conditions applies to you:

- If you are applying for a teaching credential or services credential.
- If you are applying for Substitute Teaching Permit.
- If you are applying for admission to a Commission on Teaching and Credentialing (CTC)-accredited teacher preparation program.
- If you are applying for admission to a CTC - accredited services credential program.
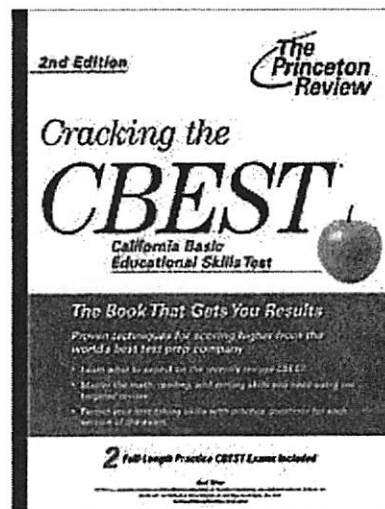
*You may take the CBEST only if you have earned, at minimum, a high school diploma, a GED, or the equivalent or if you are, or have been, a student taking courses for college credit pursuant to a career in education.

When and Where do students take it?

- Check here for available test dates and how to register: http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/index.asp
- Fresno State Office of Testing Services: http://fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/testing/to/index.html

How to prepare for the test?

- Find study guides, including test content, practice test questions, score scales for written assignments, computer-based testing tutorials, annotated bibliographies, and test results explanations, as applicable.
- Take the interactive practice test on your computer and each section of the practice test is available in a PDF format.

- Find out what to expect when you take a computer-based test.
- Test results explanation available.

*Learn about the CBEST and test preparation tools: http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/tests.asp

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