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## *Resources for Preparing for the CSET and CBEST*

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**Here are some tips and resources offered by UC Irvine students who have taken and passed the CSET:**

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1. **Complete the sample tests** from [CSET website](#).
2. **Give yourself plenty of time** to prepare, and allow time to retake tests
  - a. Look up result release dates to plan when to take tests
  - b. Be aware that you need to wait 45 days before retaking an exam
3. **Use a study book:** There are many different options, here are some recommendations:
  - a. Check out study guides from the public library or buy used copies online
  - b. Kaplan Study Book
  - c. Cliff Notes study book
4. **Watch YouTube tutorials** based on your authorization and exam
5. Specifically for the **social science** CSET.
  - a. Focus studies on economics, California history, and world religions
  - b. Be sure to review California, African, and Asian History
  - c. A 7th grade world history book has most of the information to know about non-western history
6. Specifically for **math and science** CSET preparation
  - a. The Fresno State Math and Science Initiative provides free online workshops designed to help you prepare for the math and science CSETs
  - b. These workshops are scheduled periodically so you need to check this website regularly for opportunities: <http://fresnostate.edu/kremen/about/centers-projects/teachmathscience/index.html/documents/MSTI-Fresno%20Spring%202016%20Workshops.pdf>
  - c. Suggested Resources:
    - i. Laura Rickhoff's study guides for Algebra and Geometry (<https://sites.google.com/site/laura4math/cset>)
    - ii. OCDE study guide for Calculus (<http://new.ocde.us/Leadership/Pages/California-Basic-Educational-Skills-Test-CBEST.aspx>)

- d. UCI free Canvas course: <https://www.canvas.net/browse/ucirvineex/courses/cset-math-subtest-1-exam-prep>  
<https://www.canvas.net/browse/ucirvineex/courses/cset-math-subtest-2-exam-prep>  
<https://www.canvas.net/browse/ucirvineex/courses/cset-math-subtest-3-exam-prep>
7. Specifically for the **multiple subject** CSET.
    - a. Books by E.D. Hirsch, “What your fourth grader needs to know”, also fifth and sixth grades.
    - b. YouTube Playlist for content [CSET subtest II](#) and [CSET subtest III](#)
    - c. YouTube channel for [history content](#) and [science content](#)
  8. MS CSET: For clarification on specific topics (i.e. WWI, Erik Erickson’s stages, complex sentences, etc.) search YouTube.
    - How to pass the CSET Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wV3EtQGoWI>
    - Subtest 1 YouTube playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3wYGJqYLXx62x0tZ53SYGCVO0xnodUdf>
    - Subtest 2 YouTube playlist: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKMnuBovELyT4\\_dyWjjZn9aszTX8oKRF](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKMnuBovELyT4_dyWjjZn9aszTX8oKRF)
    - Subtest 3 YouTube playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3wYGJqYLXx4FHemNsnZEbljqw3p82Rpb>

**Websites for CSET preparation:** (UC Irvine has not evaluated these services and does not have any information about the success rate for these programs. **We do not endorse any of the sites**):

- [Teaching Solutions](#): This site offers a quick program with guaranteed passing results.
- [CSET Tutor](#): Multiple Subject CSET practice ONLY; you can sign up for tutoring, classes and download practice tests.
- [CSET Exam Overview](#): This site has preparation advice, practice tests, test reviews and courses.
- [Test Prep Review](#): This site has more practice questions and other resources for studying for the exam.
- [Teacherstestprep.com](#): This site has preparation advice, practice tests, and tutoring.
- Study.com offers resources for CSET and CBEST preparation, and you are able to enroll for free for the first 5 days.
- CSET Weebly for Science authorizations <http://sciencecsetprep.weebly.com/dynamic-processes-of-the-earth.html>
- Orange County Department of Education provides study guides for CSET and CBEST (cost is listed on website): [http://www.ocde.us/InstructionalServices/Leadership/Pages/California-Subject-Examinations-for-Teachers-\(CSET\)-Test-Prep-Series.aspx](http://www.ocde.us/InstructionalServices/Leadership/Pages/California-Subject-Examinations-for-Teachers-(CSET)-Test-Prep-Series.aspx)
- The San Diego County Office of Education provides low-cost online CSET preparation courses: <https://www.sdcoe.net/human-resources/teacher-prep/Pages/cset-training.aspx>

PROS of CSET Single Session	CONS of CSET Single Session
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Save \$50 (\$250 vs. \$300)</li> <li>● Finish it all in one sitting in 5 hours</li> <li>● Get all subtest results at once</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Time crunch (5 hrs. vs. 8 hrs.)</li> <li>● May have to drive out farther because not a lot of locations do the 5 hr. session; more locations have single subtests available</li> <li>● Have to schedule in advance (like maybe 1-2 months ahead depending on which location you want to go to); but can schedule single subtest last minute (at least 24 hrs.) because more locations offer it</li> <li>● Butt will hurt for sitting so long (but they give you a 15 min break)</li> </ul>
<b>Retake Policy</b>	
<p>A test or subtest may be taken as many times as necessary to achieve a passing score.</p> <p>A passing score must be achieved at a single test administration. Performance on parts of a test or subtest cannot be combined across administrations. If you wish to retake a test or subtest, you must re-register for the entire test or subtest.</p> <p>You must wait 45 calendar days from the date you took the test to retake a test or subtest on computer. If you have registered to take more than one subtest comprising a single test in a single testing session, you must wait 45 calendar days from the date of your test appointment to retake any of the subtests for which you registered, even if you did not attempt or complete all subtests for which you were registered.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=CACBT_RegistrationPolicies_CSET.html&amp;t=CS101">http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=CACBT_RegistrationPolicies_CSET.html&amp;t=CS101</a></p>	

**CBEST:**

Free online CBEST preparation through CSU Long Beach

<http://www.csulb.edu/teacher-preparation-advising-center-tpac/free-cbest-online-preparation-courses>