What is the difference between the Supplementary Authorization and Introductory Subject Matter Authorization?

Both Authorizations are approved by CTC. The **SUPPLEMENTARY AUTHORIZATION** requires 10 semester or (15 quarter) UPPER DIVISION units. The intent was to provide an alternate way for teachers to teach in a subject outside the area in which they earned a credential. The **SUBJECT MATTER AUTHORIZATION** requires 32 semester (48 quarter) units, and was developed to meet the new NCLB requirements when No Child Left Behind became national law.

How do I know which Authorization is right for me?

Before enrolling in either program, contact the school district where you are employed to learn their requirements regarding the Authorizations. While school districts have the latitude to accept either authorization, most districts want their teachers to complete the Subject Matter Authorization as it is fully NCLB compliant, and considers teachers “highly qualified” in a specific area.

Are your classes online?

No. All of our science courses are classroom face-to-face, and meet at UCR Extension.

May I apply courses I have already taken toward the Authorizations in Science?

Yes, you may. Note the following:

- If you are working toward the Supplementary Authorization in Introductory Science, CTC requires 12 semester (18 quarter) “upper division” units. If you include lower division units, CTC will double the unit requirement. Lower division units may be applied to the Subject Matter Authorization without doubling the unit requirement.

- Courses must be from the appropriate Science Department of an accredited institution, cannot be remedial, with a grade of “C” or better.

- If applying to CTC through your district or on your own, be sure to include your transcripts and course descriptions of the courses you are submitting. If you want to be recommended by UCR Extension, you must complete your coursework through us. UC Riverside Extension is CTC-approved.

Do I have to take the CSET (California Subject Examinations for Teachers) Test to be No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant?

Yes, if you are only completing the Supplementary Authorization.

No, if you are completing the Subject Matter Authorization in Science coursework UNLESS you want to teach specific Science content in high school.

NOTE: Compliance can also be obtained by way of HOUSSE (High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation) points in the school district. This website has more information regarding HOUSSE ([http://www.cea.org/nclb/housseprocess.cfm](http://www.cea.org/nclb/housseprocess.cfm)).

How and/or where can I apply for the Authorizations?

You may apply for the Authorizations in any of the following ways:

1) On your own, directly to CTC.
2) Through your school district.
3) Through UCR Extension, if you have completed all the required coursework through us.
Where can I find more answers to CTC requirements for the Supplementary Authorization in Science?

Visit this website for the CTC Supplementary Authorization Guidebook:

Where can I find more answers to CTC requirements for the Subject Matter Authorization in Science?

Visit this website for the CTC Subject Matter Authorization Guidebook:

I currently hold a Supplementary Authorization and want to earn a Subject Matter Authorization. What courses are required?

The Subject Matter Authorization in Introductory Science requires a total of 48 quarter (32 semester) units in the subject areas of 1) Biological Sciences; 2) Chemistry, 3) Geosciences; and 4) Physics. You may use units already submitted for the Supplementary Authorization. Please contact the Education Department at UCR Extension to informally review your transcripts and provide guidance in this area.

Would you consider your courses CSET Preparation?

Our courses are not designed as CSET “prep” courses, but are content-based courses that can prepare you for specific content-related questions on the CSET exam. These courses do not include text-taking strategies for passing the CSET. For example, if you are strong in biological sciences content knowledge but need to increase your knowledge in chemistry, you could take coursework in the chemistry series prior to taking the CSET exam.

Can I take these courses if I am still taking courses towards earning a Multiple or Single Subject Credential?

Yes, you may enroll and complete the individual courses in this program. However, you may not apply to CTC for the authorization until you have been issued a preliminary credential.

To which credentials can the Authorizations be added?

Authorizations can be added to the following credentials:
Single Subject, Multiple Subject, Standard Elementary and Secondary Credential, University Internship Credential (Multiple and Single Subject only), Special Secondary Credential in Academic Subject (Art, Business Education, Homemaking, Industrial Arts, Music, Physical Education, Speech Arts, and Vocational Agriculture).

Are there credentials to which the Authorizations cannot be added?

Yes, Authorizations cannot be added to the following credentials:
General Kindergarten-Primary, Elementary, Junior High, or Secondary Credential, Special Secondary Credential in Non-Academic Subjects (Aviation, Blind, Deaf, Lip Reading, Nursing Education, Partially Signed Child, Public Safety and Accident Prevention Including Driver Education and Driver Training, Sciences Basic to Medicine, Correction of Speech Defects, and Mentally Retarded), Special Education Credential (current or previous), Adult or Vocational Credential, Career Technical Education Credential.