Prerequisites for Single Subject Credential Programs*  
Based on California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Leaflet CL-560C

1. Complete baccalaureate or higher degree, except in professional education, from a regionally accredited college or university.

2. Pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). The fee for the CBEST is $41 and the test contains three sections: Reading, Writing and Mathematics. If you do not pass the CBEST you may retake as many times as you choose. It is not necessary to retake sections you have already passed, but doing so may increase your overall score. Once the CBEST examination has been passed, it need not be taken again since it indefinitely satisfies the basic skills requirement necessary for certification and program enrollment.

3. Verify subject matter competence by one of the following methods:
   a. achieve a passing score on the appropriate subject-matter examinations (CSET). The fee for the CSET is $76 per subtest. A passing CSET score must be used for a credential within five years of the test date.
   b. complete a commission-approved subject matter program (The math department at UCSC offers a commission-approved mathematics subject matter program.)

4. Complete a single subject teacher preparation program including successful student teaching, and obtain a formal recommendation for the credential by the California college or university where the program was completed.

The preliminary credential is issued for a maximum of five years. If requirements for the professional clear credential are not completed before the expiration of the preliminary, the holder will be unable to teach in California’s public schools with that credential until those requirements are met and the document renewed. In order to earn a professional clear credential, individuals will need to complete a Commission approved Professional Teacher Induction Program. The Induction Program includes the advanced study of health education, special populations, computer technology, and teaching English learners.

See the following links for a complete list of California Credential Programs.
http://www.teachcalifornia.org/prep/index.html (Find the Right Preparation Program)  
http://cig.ctc.ca.gov/fmi/xsl/CTC_NewSubject/AllSubjects.xsl (Check individual school website for current info)

*To complete a teaching credential, additional requirements apply. For more details go to:
http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl560c.pdf