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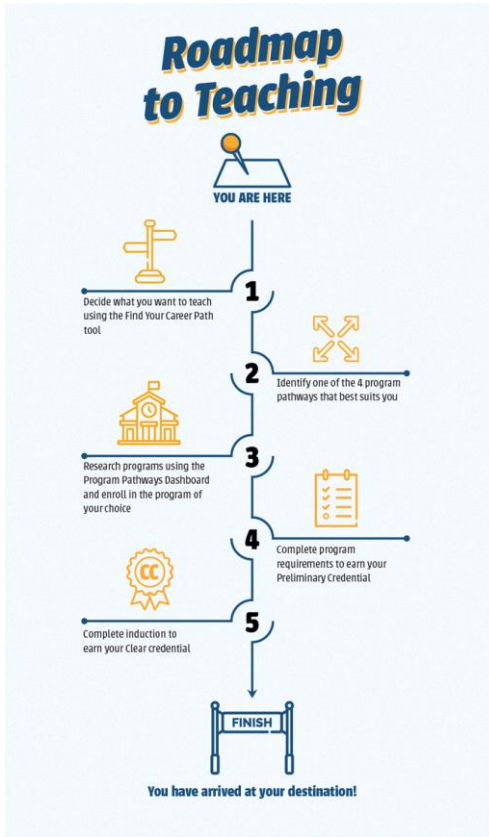
日本語教師への道 Guide to Becoming a Japanese Teacher

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Introduction:

There are excellent resources online about how to become a teacher and a Japanese language teacher in public schools. This document will review some of the requirements to become a Japanese language teacher (for secondary schools) in California and Nevada, and include resources to other guides and information about becoming a Japanese teacher.



Credit: California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)

Note: the procedures summarized in this booklet are specific to U.S. citizens that have graduated from U.S. colleges and universities. If you have schooling outside of the U.S., please make sure to consult the websites for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) for California, and the State of Nevada Department of Education for Nevada for appropriate information corresponding to your situation.

Why teach Japanese after the JET Program?

There are many JETs who, after their return to the U.S., continue to be involved in U.S.-Japan relations by teaching Japanese and nurturing future JETs! Here are some amazing teachers and their messages to aspiring teachers.

Mr. Cameron Chien
CIR 2008-13, Niigata



My 5 CIR years in Niigata were transformative, and now, teaching Japanese in a U.S. high school and serving as president of the California Association of Japanese Language Teachers, I'm grateful to support educators and build community ties. To current and ex-JETs: your unique abroad-experiences are invaluable. Bring them back, share them, and enrich Japanese language education in the U.S. — I sincerely invite you to get connected and find out more!

Ms. Joyce Arellano-Bravo
ALT 2003-06, Chiba



As a native Spanish speaker, my background has instilled in me a deep love and appreciation for languages and cultures. As a JET-turned-Japanese teacher, you become your student's first gateway into the beauty of the Japanese language/culture. Teaching Japanese will bring challenges, but also immense fulfillment as you inspire students to develop a deep love and appreciation for the language, culture, and magic of Japan.

Dr. Kristina Vassil
ALT 1990-92, Mie



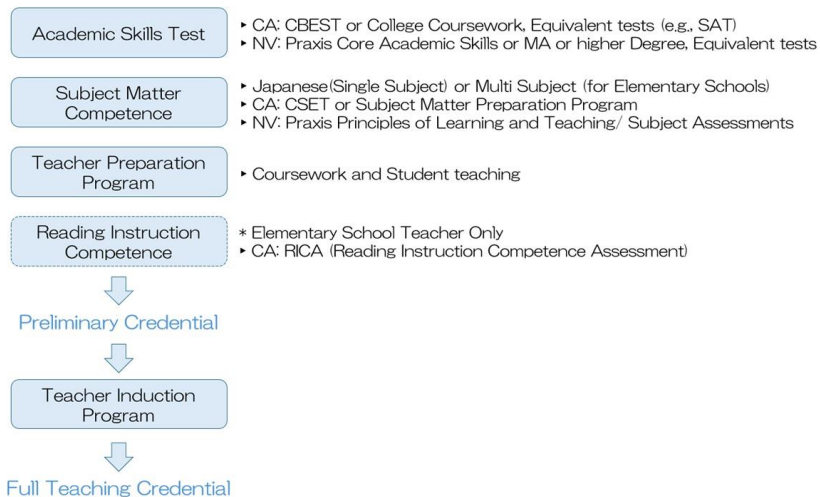
After two years working as an Assistant Language Teacher in Mie, I decided to combine my passion for literature and the Japanese language by doing a Ph.D. in Japanese literature and pursuing a career in academia. What a journey it has been—certainly not easy, but I cannot imagine doing anything else. It's a joy and a privilege to teach students a beautiful and complex language, and to introduce them to an extraordinarily rich and interesting literary tradition.

Mr. Matthew Hall
ALT 1993-96, Fukuoka



After JET, I spent 2 years at the Japanese Consulate in Chicago, and then moved to California where I enrolled in the Stanford Teacher Education Program. Here I am 25 years later, and teaching is certainly the best job I have ever had. Taking students to Japan, hosting Japanese students here, winning Japan Bowl, helping students pass the JLPT, and more—teaching can be both fun and profound at the same time.

Pathway to becoming a Japanese Language Teacher



Credit: Japan Foundation LA



California Information

Program	Needs	Pathway
Bilingual Immersion Programs / Public Elementary School	Basic Skills Requirement	Fulfill the CA Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)
	Subject Matter Requirement (Multiple Subject)	Fulfill the CA Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET)
Public Middle School / Public High School	Basic Skills Requirement	Fulfill the CA Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)
	Subject Matter Requirement (Single Subject)	Fulfill the CA Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET)
Community College / University	Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree	Earn Master's or Doctoral Degree, preferably in linguistics, education, or Japanese pedagogy



California Information

Teaching Credential Programs for Japanese

Teachers that wish to teach in California must have a specialized teaching credential for the subject(s) they intend to teach from a Commission-approved teacher preparation program.

Two main teaching credentials for K-12 education: Multiple Subject and Single Subject Teaching Credential. To teach Japanese, you would want to earn a **Single Subject Teaching Credential** and take **subject matter exams** for Japanese.

Below are a list of universities that offer Single-Subject Teaching Credential Programs with World Language:

Name of University	Location	Master's Degree Options
Alder Graduate School of Education	Redwood City	Y
Alliant International University	Online	
CSU Humboldt	Online, Humboldt	Y
CSU East Bay	Online Extension	Y
CSU Long Beach	Long Beach	Y
CSU Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Y
CSU Monterey Bay	Monterey Bay	Y
CSU Sacramento	Sacramento	Y
San Francisco State University	San Francisco	Y
San Jose State University	San Jose	Y
St. Mary's College of California	Moraga	Y
Stanford University (Master's + TC)	Stanford	Y
University of San Diego	San Diego	Y
Vanguard University	Costa Mesa	Y

Note: This list is not comprehensive and information may be out-of-date; do your research by contacting universities directly.

Nevada Information



Program	Needs	Pathway
Public Middle School / Public High School	General Educator License	Earn Bachelor's Degree, preferably in Japanese, and pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills Test
	Secondary Single Subject License (World Languages – Japanese)	Complete secondary academic requirements and coursework for Japanese
Community College / University	Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree	Earn Master's or Doctoral Degree, preferably in linguistics, education, or Japanese pedagogy

Nevada Information

Teaching Preparation Programs

In order to teach Japanese at a secondary school, Teachers must first earn their Nevada educator licensure at a regionally accredited college or university before finally acquiring a Secondary Single Subject License for World Languages in Japanese through the Nevada Department of Education.

The traditional route to Nevada educator licensure includes completion of a bachelor’s degree and teacher preparation program. Specific coursework is also required, including at least three semester hours of credit in education for students with disabilities and at least three semester hours of credit in parental involvement and family engagement. These courses are typically included in a Nevada-approved teacher education program. (Langcred.com)

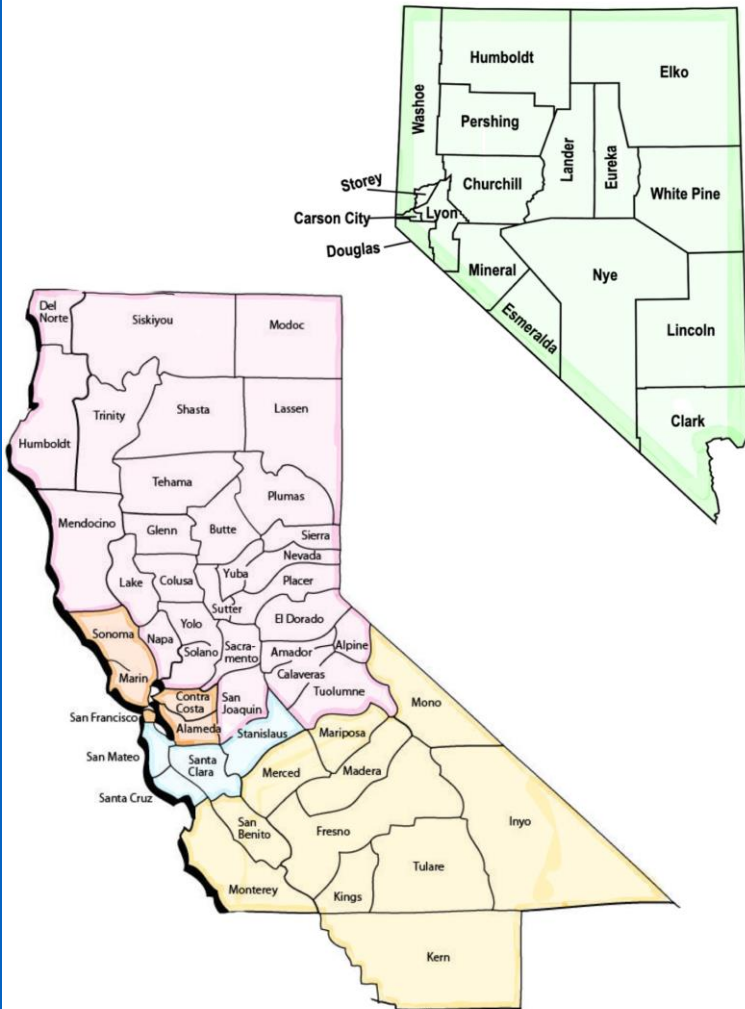
Below are a list of universities with Teacher Preparation Programs approved by the Nevada Department of Education:

Name of University	Location
Great Basin College	Elko
National University	Online
NOVA Southeastern University (Approved Educational Leadership MS & EdS)	Online
Southern Utah University (Approved Administrative Programs)	Online
Touro University-Nevada	Henderson
University of Nevada Las Vegas	Las Vegas
University of Nevada Reno	Reno
University of Phoenix	Online

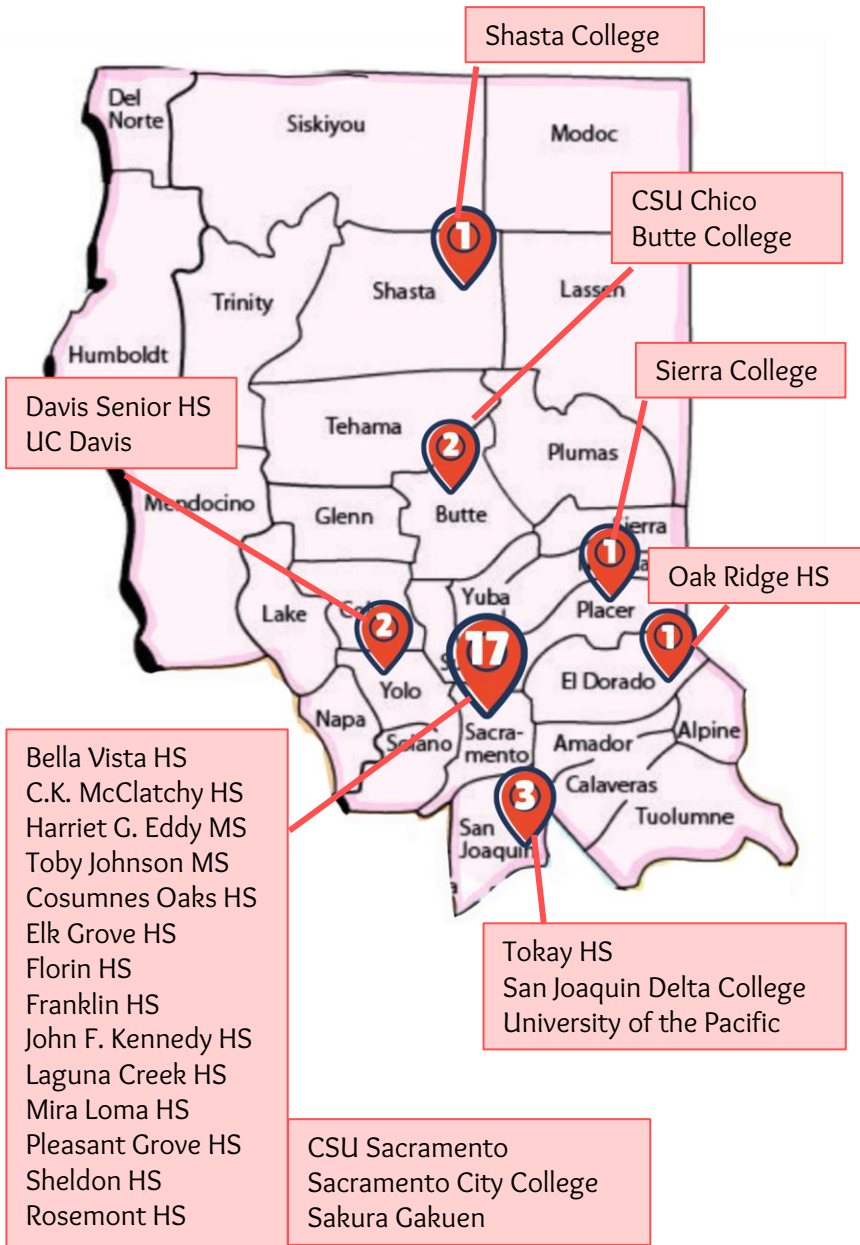
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Japanese Programs in your Area

Information on local Japanese programs in Northern California and Nevada



Japanese language programs in the Greater Sacramento Area



Japanese language programs in North Bay, San Francisco, and East Bay



College of Marin

- El Cerrito HS
- Las Lomas HS
- Monte Vista HS
- Contra Costa College
- Diablo Valley College
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Diablo Nippongo Gakuen
- Kurumi Japanese Class
- Nomura Preschool
- Sycamore Christian Preschool

- Clarendon Alternative ES
- Rosa Parks ES
- Presidio MS
- Abraham Lincoln HS
- George Washington HS
- Lowell HS
- City College of San Francisco
- San Francisco State University
- University of San Francisco
- Fusion Academy San Francisco
- Kinmon Gakuen
- Little Angels Japanese Preschool
- Pine Japanese Language Afterschool
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory
- Soko Gakuen
- Xperience²

- Castro Valley HS
- Mount Eden HS
- Chabot College
- CSU East Bay
- Laney College
- Ohlone Community College
- UC Berkeley
- American International Montessori School
- Oakland Nippongo Gakuen
- Sakura Gakuen
- SACBC Japanese Language School

Japanese language programs in South Bay

Ellen Fletcher MS
 Frank S. Greene Jr. MS
 Jane Lathrop Stanford MS
 Joaquin Miller MS
 Marian A. Peterson MS
 Adrian Wilcox HS
 Cupertino HS
 Fremont HS
 Henry M. Gunn HS
 Homestead HS
 Los Gatos HS
 Lynbrook HS
 Monta Vista HS
 Mountain View HS
 Palo Alto HS

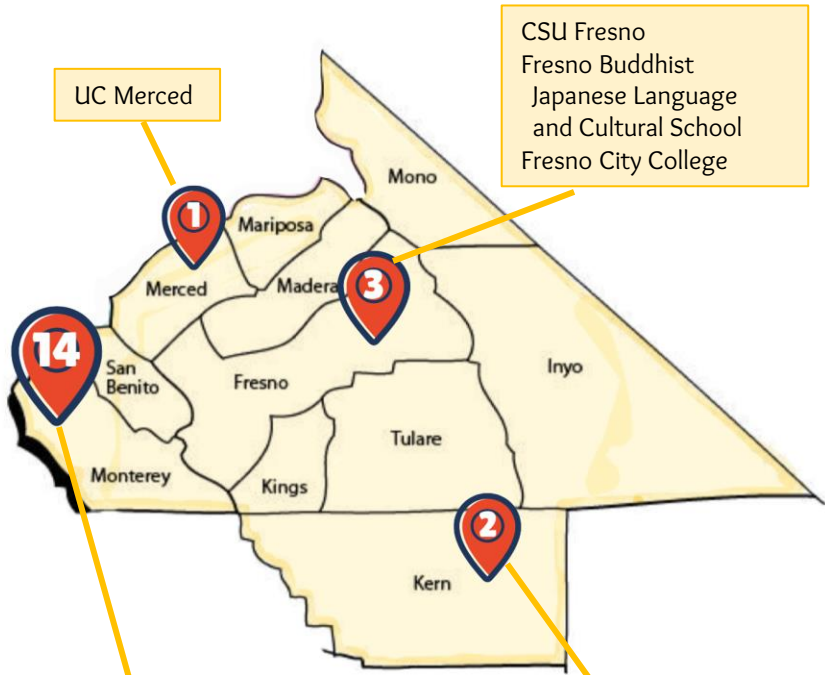
Silver Creek HS
 The Harker School (MS/HS)
 De Anza College
 Foothill College
 Mission College
 San Jose City College
 San Jose State University
 Santa Clara University
 Stanford University
 West Valley College
 Mirai Gakuen
 San Jose Betsuin Japanese
 Language School



Aragon HS
 Mills HS
 The Nueva School (MS/HS)
 The Odyssey School (MS)
 ABC Languages SF
 San Mateo Nippon Gakuen

UC Santa Cruz

Japanese language programs in Monterey and Central Valley



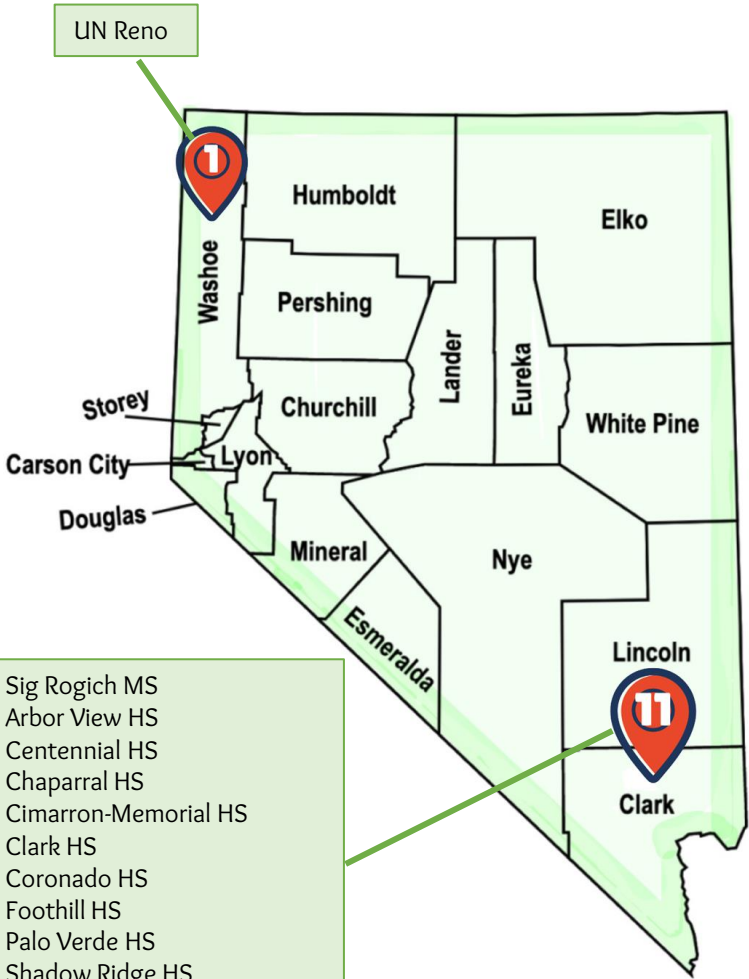
CSU Fresno
Fresno Buddhist
Japanese Language
and Cultural School
Fresno City College

UC Merced

Bakersfield College
CSU Bakersfield

Los Arboles MS
Monte Vista TK-8 School
Seaside MS
Alisal HS
Everett Alvarez HS
Monterey HS
North Salinas HS
Rancho San Juan HS
Salinas HS
Stevenson School
CSU Monterey Bay
Defense Language Institute
Foreign Language Center
Middlebury Institute of
International Studies at Monterey
Monterey Peninsula College

Japanese language programs in Nevada



UN Reno

- Sig Rogich MS
- Arbor View HS
- Centennial HS
- Chaparral HS
- Cimarron-Memorial HS
- Clark HS
- Coronado HS
- Foothill HS
- Palo Verde HS
- Shadow Ridge HS
- Silverado HS
- Spring Valley HS
- College of Southern Nevada
- UN Las Vegas
- Las Vegas Academy of Arts
- Performing Arts Center

Career Opportunities



American Association of Teachers of Japanese
Lists job openings for College & University, K-12, and Administrative positions across the entire U.S.



Japan Foundation LA
Lists job openings for College & University and K-12 positions across the entire U.S.



Northern California Japanese Teachers Association
Lists job openings for College & University and K-12 positions in California



Links and Resources



[Teaching Credential Program Search](#)

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)



[We Teach Nevada](#)

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