

Adding a Full Specialty Area to a Valid Level I, Level II, Preliminary or Clear Education Specialist Credential

*Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe, and Early Childhood Special Education Specialty Areas **

Note: Last day to enroll in a Level I Education Specialist program was 12/31/2011

The Commission does not issue duplicative authorizations. An individual should review the Special Education Assignment Chart at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/special-education-chart.pdf> before enrolling in a Preliminary program.

Holds	Completes	Earns
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	New 5-Year Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Preliminary Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Add new specialty areas(s) to Preliminary Mild/Moderate ²
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Clear Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²
Clear Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹ (previously held Level I Mild/Moderate)	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²

Holds	Completes	Earns
Clear Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²
Clear Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹ (previously held Level I Mild/Moderate)	Preliminary Moderate/Severe, and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²
Clear Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²

* The Language and Academic Development (LAD) specialty area may also be added in the same manner as Moderate/Severe. However, the LAD is only offered as a Preliminary program. The LAD authorization also includes an authorization for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Currently there are no LAD programs available.

¹ Autism Spectrum Disorders authorization

² Candidates completing a Preliminary OR Level I Moderate/Severe or Early Childhood Special Education program will earn a document with a full Autism authorization; the ASD authorization is not needed

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*Mild/Moderate and Low Incidence Specialty Areas of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (DHH), Physical and Health Impairments (PHI), and Visual Impairments (VI) **

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Holds	Completes	Earns
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 DHH, PHI, and/or VI ²	New 5-Year Level 1 DHH, PHI, and/or VI without ASD Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary DHH, PHI, and/or VI ²	Preliminary DHH, PHI, and/or VI with ASD Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Preliminary Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary DHH, PHI, and/or VI ²	Add specialty area(s) to Preliminary Mild/Moderate with ASD
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 DHH, PHI, and/or VI ²	Level 1 DHH, PHI, and/or VI without ASD Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary DHH, PHI, and/or VI ²	Clear DHH, PHI, and/or VI with ASD Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Clear Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary or Level I DHH, PHI, and/or VI ²	Clear Mild/Moderate, DHH, PHI, and/or VI with ASD
Clear Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹ (previously held Level I Mild/Moderate)	Preliminary or Level I DHH, PHI, and/or VI ²	Clear Mild/Moderate, DHH, PHI, and/or VI with ASD

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Adding a Full Specialty Area to an Valid Previously Issued Ryan, Standard or General Special Education Credential

*All Specialty Areas **

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Holds *	Completes #	Earns
Clear or Life Ryan, Standard, or General Special Education Credential	Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Five-Year Level 1 Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Clear or Life Special Education Credential
Clear or Life Ryan, Standard, or General Special Education Credential	Level 1 Mild/Moderate and/or DHH, PHI, and/or VI without ASD ¹	Five-Year Level 1 Mild/Moderate and/or DHH, PHI, and/or VI without ASD ¹ Retains Clear or Life Special Education Credential
Clear or Life Ryan, Standard, or General Special Education Credential	Preliminary in any specialty area	Clear Education Specialist Credential with ASD ² Retains Clear or Life Special Education Credential

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