

Certificate of Eligibility and Teaching Experience Requirement for the Education Specialist Credential

	Type of Education Specialist			
	Level I	Level II	Preliminary	Clear
May be issued a Level I or Certificate of Eligibility if not employed	Yes	No	No	No
2 Years teaching experience required to earn		Yes		
Experiences with children required while completing an induction program				Yes

Certificate of Eligibility Questions	
Question	Answer
Does the Level I credential have to be applied for within five years after Certificate of Eligibility is issued?	There is no 'expiration date' for the Certificate of Eligibility
Does the program sponsor need to apply for the Level I Credential if they originally recommended the individual for the Certificate of Eligibility?	No, a direct application to the Commission is appropriate and no recommendation is required
Is the verification of Employment as an Education Specialist form (CL-777.1) required when applying for the Level I Credential?	No, the form has been discontinued effective 10/1/10 (Information included in Credential Information Alert 10-15: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig/alerts/2010_alerts/1015.pdf)

Employment and Earning a Clear Credential	
Question	Answer
Is employment in a special education setting is required to earn a clear Education Specialist Credential (<i>completing <u>only</u> a special education program</i>)?	No, but the induction program sponsor must ensure the candidate has 'experiences' with children in a special education setting while completing their induction program

Concurrent Induction Programs and Teaching Experience	
When <u>concurrently</u> completing a general and a special education induction program, is <i>teaching experience in general education</i> is required?	No, but the induction program sponsor must ensure the candidate has 'experiences' with children in a general education setting while completing their induction program
When <u>concurrently</u> completing a general and a special education induction program, is <i>teaching experience in special education</i> is required?	No, but the induction program sponsor must ensure the candidate has 'experiences' with children in a special education setting while completing their induction program
When <u>concurrently</u> completing a general and a special education induction program, is <i>teaching experience in general <u>and</u> special education</i> is required?	No, but the induction program sponsor must ensure the candidate has 'experiences' with children in both general and special education settings while completing their induction program