



PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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Subject: Clear Credential (Multiple and Single Subject)
Programs

Summary

This alert provides clarification for Clear Credential (Multiple and Single Subject) Programs regarding the minimum number of units required after earning a baccalaureate degree to be eligible for a clear multiple or single subject teaching credential. Contrary to previous practice, there is no unit requirement for a candidate completing an approved Clear Credential (2009) program.

Background

At one time, it was a requirement in California for a multiple or single subject teacher to have completed a minimum of one year of coursework (thirty (30) semester units) beyond a baccalaureate degree. With the changes in the education code over the past years, this requirement is no longer in place.

The Clear Credential Program Handbook that was posted in 2009 still referenced the requirement that a candidate for a clear multiple or single subject teaching credential must have completed a minimum of 30 semester units after earning a baccalaureate degree. This requirement was based on earlier Fifth Year of Study requirements and no longer applies. Education Code and California Code of Regulations Title 5 no longer require a minimum number of units for a candidate to have completed prior to recommendation for a clear multiple or single subject teaching credential.

The Clear Credential Program Handbook has been updated and reposted. The Approval of Clear Credential Programs section states the following:

Approval of the Clear Credential Program represents a change from earlier practice. The program sponsor seeks approval of the entire Clear Credential program, rather than individual components. Previously, individual courses were approved for use in the Fifth Year of Study Program and could result in a “piecemeal” approach to meeting the requirements. This new approval process applies to graduates of SB 2042 programs for the Multiple or Single Subject Credentials and replaces the earlier process. A Clear Credential Program is defined as a program that meets the Clear Credential Program Standards. There is no minimum number of units for a Clear Credential Program.

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/STDS-prep-program.html> (page 8)

At this time, approved clear credential programs are transitioning from the four courses and the unit requirements that were previously required to the six standards that were adopted by the Commission in June 2009. The transitioned programs need to be ready to implement in fall 2010. The revised Clear Credential Program is required to meet the six adopted program standards. All candidates who complete the approved program and have the prerequisite preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential are eligible to be recommended for a clear teaching credential.

References

Clear Credential Program Standards: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/STDS-prep-program.html>

Specific Requirements for Clear Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials for Applicants Prepared in California Title 5 §80413(b)

Contact Information:

The Professional Services Division provides a full list of topic specific dedicated email addresses as well as program areas with the most up to date Commission staff member’s email address here <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/PSD-contact.html>.