

## Title II “Program Completer” Requirements

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With implementation of the Title II of the Higher Education Act (HEOA) for the 2009-2010 reporting year, questions about the definition of program-completer have also been surfacing, especially regarding the distinction between the State program-standards requirements needed for a “program completer” vs. the requirements needed for a recommendation. The following chart is based on a review of the State program-standards wording. It is interesting to note that, even though the preconditions list the requirements needed to recommend an individual for certification, not all of the same requirements are listed as State program-standards requirements. As an example, the baccalaureate or higher degree is listed in the preconditions as a “recommendation” requirement, but is not included as a State program-standards requirement.

	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Multiple or Single Subject program completer requirement</b>	<b>Education Specialist program completer requirement</b>	<b>District and IHE Intern Route: MS, SS, or Education Specialist program completer requirement</b>
1.	Baccalaureate or higher degree	No*	No*	Yes
2.	Basic skills	Yes	No*	Yes
3.	Teacher preparation program including student teaching	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Subject matter competence	Yes	Yes ECSE: NA	Yes ECSE: NA
5.	Teaching Performance Assessment	Yes	NA	MS or SS: Yes Education Specialist: NA
6.	RICA	MS: No* SS: NA	No* ECSE: NA	No* ECSE: NA
7.	Developing English Language Skills	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	U.S. Constitution	No*	No*	Yes
9.	Foundational: computer technology (coursework/PET)	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Health education, including CPR	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	Special populations in regular classroom	Yes	NA	MS or SS: Yes Education Specialist: NA
12.	Experience with non-special education pupils per EC §44265	NA	Yes	MS or SS: NA Education Specialist: Yes

\* This is not a requirement in the State program standards. If, when writing to the standards, an institution added it as a requirement in its individual, approved program documents, then that specific institution would consider it a requirement for its program completers. As an example, an institution’s program might require a baccalaureate degree before student teaching, so for that institution only, the baccalaureate degree becomes a program-completer requirement.

NA = neither a program or “recommendation” requirement

ECSE = Early Childhood Special Education

EC §44265 = education code relevant to the Education Specialist Instruction Credential