In academic year 2012-13, more than 2,600 intern credentials were issued, while a decade ago, more than 7,000 credentials were issued. There has been a dramatic decrease in the number of intern credentials issued in the past several years. Between 2002-03 and 2007-08, there was an increase for Single Subject and Education Specialist credentials while there was significant decline for Multiple Subjects credentials. During the same time period, there was an overall increase (4%) in the number of interns at the state level. Between 2007-08 and 2012-13, however, there was significant decrease in all credential types: Multiple Subjects by 78%, Single Subjects by 77%, and Education Specialist by 45%, with an overall decline of 64% at the state level.

An analysis of intern credentials issued by credential types (Multiple Subjects, Single Subject or Education Specialist credential) revealed some interesting findings. In 2002-03 year, the number of Multiple Subjects credentials issued accounted for more than half (55.7%), Single Subjects more than one-fourth (26.2%) and Education Specialist less than one-fifth (18.2%). In 2007-08, the single subjects and education specialist accounted for nearly two-fifths each (40.0% and 40.4%, respectively). The number of Multiple Subjects credentials issued accounted for less than one-fifth (19.7%).

As indicated above, the change in intern credentials between 2007-08 and 2012-13 was not only dramatic in the number of credentials, but also in the type of credentials issued. By 2012-13, Single Subjects accounted for one-fourth (25.6%) similar to the 2002-03 level. However, the number of Education Specialist credentials accounted for almost two-thirds (62.3%) and the number of Multiple Subjects issued accounted for one-tenth (12.0%).

Intern Credentials Issued by Credential Types: 2002-03 to 2012-13

Note: Data includes both District Intern credentials and University Intern credentials. Intern programs may be 1, 2, or 3 years in length. Upon successful completion of an intern program, candidates earn a preliminary teaching credential.

It is interesting to notice that in spite of the decrease in the number of intern credentials, 956 out of the 1100 districts and county offices currently employ teachers on intern credentials.
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