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To: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Subject: Minimum Passing Score for the Teaching Foundations Examination in Science

On November 30, 2006, the Commission approved the minimum passing score of 171 for the Teaching Foundations Examination in Science. This examination satisfies one of the thirteen requirements for the Early Completion Internship Option.

The Teaching Foundations Examination in Science covers teaching methods in science, human development, learning differences and special needs, instructing English learners, reading instruction, assessing student progress, and classroom management techniques. The examination is a four-hour, pen-and-paper examination that includes fifty multiple-choice questions and two constructed-response questions. The multiple-choice questions focus on human development, learning differences and special needs, instructing English learners, reading instruction, assessing student progress, and classroom management techniques. The constructed-response questions ask the examinee to create lesson plans for teaching science at both the middle school and high school levels as well as describe how those plans reflect specific learning areas such as those addressed in the multiple-choice questions.

For more information about the Teaching Foundations Examination in Science, including sample test questions, please visit the Educational Testing Service website at <http://www.ets.org/praxis> and click on "State Requirements." For more information about the Early Completion Intern Option, please visit the Commission website at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl840.html>.

Questions

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