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TO: Deans and Heads of Schools of Education,
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SUBJECT: Requirements for U.S. Constitution and Health Education

There are two requirements for issuance of Ryan Act credentials, U.S. Constitution and Health Education, which were not included in the program approval process. As a result, a few applications have been received which do not show evidence of meeting one or the other of these requirements.

A copy of the Commission's adopted policy concerning the Health Education requirement is provided on the reverse. Education Code sections 13166 and 13125.3 are provided also for your information. Please note that it will be possible to issue only for one year a credential when the applicant has not met the constitution requirement. The institution should certify in section 3 of the yellow application form that the candidate has met both of these requirements. The Health Education requirement does not have to be met, of course, until application is made for a clear credential.

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HEALTH UNIT REQUIREMENT
(Adopted 6-7-74)

The institution shall certify that each candidate being recommended for a full or clear credential has completed a program of study in Health Education of at least one semester unit or its equivalent. This requirement may be satisfied as a separate course or as part of a related course of study. An acceptable program of study to satisfy this requirement shall provide the candidate with understanding of the following methods, processes, and content:

1. The nature and scope of health education as provided in the Framework for Health Instruction in California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, California State Department of Education.
2. Current problems related to individual, family, and community health.
3. General theories and organization for health education.
4. General methods and materials for health education.

The required program of study in Health Education shall not be required as part of the approved program of professional preparation.

U.S. CONSTITUTION

13166. The issuance of any teaching credential requires (1) the passing of a satisfactory examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States in a community college, college, or university of recognized merit or (2) the satisfactory completion of two semester units of work on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States in any university or college from which undergraduate credits earned are accepted by the commission as meeting undergraduate credit requirements for credentials issued by the commission or in any publicly supported community college in the state. Public and private institutions in California may be authorized to attest to the individual's satisfaction of this requirement.

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13125.3 The commission may issue an internship or a preliminary credential to an applicant, pending completion of any examination requirement by the applicant within the time limit, not to exceed one year, set by the commission.