

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

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

FORM: *Richard K. Mastain*
 Richard K. Mastain, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Health Science

Health Science educators have raised concerns about which credentials authorize the teaching of health science and health education. The Commission would consider the teaching of a course in health on any of the following credentials as a suitable assignment for monitoring purposes, as long as the assignment was in the appropriate grade level:

- Specialist Instruction Credential in Health
- Single Subject Teaching Credential in Health Science
- Single Subject Teaching Credential in Life Science
- Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education initially issued prior to 1-1-81
- Standard Elementary or Secondary Teaching Credential with a major or minor in Health or Health Science or Health Education
- Special Secondary Teaching Credential in Physical Education
- General Teaching Credential
- Supplementary Authorization in:
 - Health Science
 - Introductory Health Science
 - Community Health
 - Family Health
 - Personal Health
 - Health Education
 - Community and Family Health, including Drug Use and Abuse

Neither the holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education initially issued on or after 1-1-81, nor the holder of a Standard Elementary or Secondary Teaching Credential with a major or minor in Physical Education, should be assigned to teach a course in health science or health education, unless assigned on an appropriate supplementary authorization or under another provision of the Education Code or Title 5 Regulations.

The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential in PE may obtain an appropriate supplementary authorization by completing 20 semester units (or 10 upper division semester units) in the subject as specified in Title 5 Sections 80089-80089.2. The holder of a Standard Secondary Teaching Credential in PE may obtain a supplementary authorization by completing the same requirements, or by verifying three years of experience teaching health prior to 9-1-87 plus subject matter competence as specified in Education Code Section 44258.7(a). Please see the *Credential Handbook*, beginning on page II-A-28, for more information about supplementary authorizations. Page 10 of the *Administrator's Assignment Manual* has additional information about assignment options available in statute or regulation.

Questions concerning assignment should be mailed to the attention of *The Administrator's Assignment Manual* at the address listed above.