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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing
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SUBJECT: **New Options for Qualifying for the Education Specialist Pre-Intern Certificate**

The Education Specialist Pre-Intern Certificate is currently available to emergency education specialist teachers working in local education agencies participating in California's Pre-Intern Program. This certificate is available in all disability categories except Early Childhood Special Education. Original qualification requirements included:

- 1) A bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college or university;
- 2) Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test;
- 3) Character and Identification Clearance;
- 4) Application and fee submitted through an employer that is participating in the Pre-Intern Program;
- 5) The prospective pre-intern may not have completed student teaching or met the full subject matter competence requirement for a credential prior to applying for pre-internship; and,
- 6) A subject matter requirement, consisting of either,
 - a) at least 18 semester units, or nine upper division or graduate semester units in any statutory single subject area, as is required for a single subject long-term emergency permit, or
 - b) at least 10 semester units of coursework in at least four different subject areas, or one of the other alternatives established to meet the subject matter requirement for the multiple subject long-term emergency permit.

Effective July 1, 2001 the Commission is adding two new options for qualifying for the Education Specialist Pre-Intern Certificate. All applicants must still meet requirements 1 through 5 above. However, requirement 6 may be met by documentation of either of the following:

- 1) **a minimum of three years of successful full-time classroom experience, or the equivalent in part-time experience, working with special education students in a public school or state certified nonpublic school or agency with students in the age range of the authorization being requested; or,**
- 2) **a minimum of nine semester units of coursework (with a grade of "C" or better) in special education or in a combination of special education and regular education that are appropriate to a special education or regular education teaching credential.**

While these new options have previously existed for the education specialist long-term emergency permit, they have not previously been options for qualifying for the education specialist pre-intern certificate. The action announced by this correspondence essentially aligns qualification options for the education specialist pre-intern certificate with qualification options for the education specialist long-term emergency permit.

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