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

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SUBJECT: Options to Obtain a SB 2042 Professional Clear Multiple and Single Subject Credential

Education Code Section 44259 outlines the requirements for teachers to obtain SB 2042 multiple and single subject credentials. The SB 2042 credential is a two-tier credential with specific requirements for each tier. The chart below lists those specific requirements. At its September 2001 meeting, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved standards for the SB 2042 teacher preparation program and an implementation plan that called for a two-year transition ending December 31, 2003. To date, the Committee on Accreditation has approved 16 teacher preparation programs based on the SB 2042 standards (a list of approved programs is attached). The first SB 2042 graduates are expected at the end of the Spring 2003 semester.

The chart also outlines the requirements for the SB 2042 professional clear multiple and single subject credentials. On August 5, 2002, the Commission published Coded Correspondence 02-0015, which outlined three options preliminary credential holders could choose to earn a professional clear credential. At the time that Coded Correspondence was prepared it was assumed that full funding would be available statewide for all candidates to participate in an Induction Program. In light of the State's budget condition and the uncertainty regarding funding for Induction, the Commission has directed staff to clarify the options the current law provides. As displayed below, candidates have the option of completing an Induction Program or a fifth year of study. Following the Governor's signing of the 2003-04 Budget, the Commission will update the information contained in this Coded Correspondence.

Specific Requirements to Earn a SB 2042 Multiple or Single Subject Credential

Preliminary	Professional Clear
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution 2. Passage of CBEST 3. Completion of a Commission-accredited SB 2042 teacher preparation program 4. A course in alternative methods of developing English language skills 5. Completion of a subject matter program or examination 6. Demonstration of a knowledge of the principles and provisions of the U.S. Constitution 7. Demonstration of basic competency in the use of computers in the classroom 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possession of a SB 2042 preliminary teaching credential 2. Completion of a program of beginning teacher induction subject to the availability of funds in the annual Budget Act to provide statewide access to eligible beginning teachers 3. Completion of an approved fifth-year program unless the candidate has completed induction (Both induction and the fifth year must include advanced study of health education, special populations, and advanced technology) 4. After July 1, 2005, advanced preparation in the instruction of English language learners

Options to Earn the SB 2042 Professional Clear Multiple and Single Subject Credential

Induction Program Option

There are currently three types of beginning teacher induction programs candidates may use to meet the SB 2042 professional clear requirements. The first option is a Commission-approved Induction Program; these programs incorporate the advanced study of health education, special populations and advanced technology [enacted by AB 1023 (Statutes 1997, Chapter 404, Mazzoni)], as well as the advanced preparation in the instruction of English language learners [enacted by AB 1059 (Statutes 1999, Chapter 711, Ducheny)]. Upon completion of the two-year program, the Induction Program sponsor will verify to the Commission completion of the program at which time the Commission will issue a professional clear credential. To date, the Commission has approved 12 Induction Programs. This option is state-subsidized. According to the Education Code, when there is statewide funding available for induction for every beginning teacher, the Commission-approved Induction Program is the preferred option for SB 2042 preliminary credential holders to earn the professional clear credential.

The second Induction option is a Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Program. Because BTSA does not include advanced study in health education including CPR, special populations or advanced technology, the candidate will be required to complete this statutorily mandated advanced study through an institution of higher education. Upon completion of the BTSA program and the advanced course work, the candidate may apply directly to the Commission. The BTSA portion of this option is state funded, however the candidate would be responsible for the costs associated with the advanced course work.

The third Induction option is an Induction Program offered by a regionally accredited California college or university and approved by the Commission. This option includes the statutorily mandated advanced study in health education, special populations and technology and the advanced preparation in the instruction of English language learners. To date, the Commission has not approved any Induction Programs offered by colleges or universities.

Fifth Year Option

Education Code Section 44259(c)(5) lists the completion of an approved “fifth-year” program as a requirement to earn the SB 2042 professional clear credential unless the candidate completes an Induction Program. The fifth year of study is subsequent to preliminary preparation and by law must include advanced study in health education, special populations, and technology and after July 1, 2005 advanced preparation in the instruction of English language learners. The fifth-year option may either be a student-designed fifth year of study approved by an institution with a Commission-approved fifth-year of study or an institution-designed fifth year of study. Candidates that choose the fifth year option will need to work with a college or university that offers a Commission-approved fifth year and be recommended by that college or university. The costs associated with the fifth year option are the responsibility of the candidate.

Questions

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Institutions Offering SB 2042 Commission-Accredited Teacher Preparation Programs

California State University System

Cal Poly Pomona
CSU, Northridge
CSU, Dominguez Hills
CSU, Hayward
CSU, San Marcos
San Diego State University

University of California System

UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Cruz

Private Colleges/Universities

Notre Dame de Namur
University
Santa Clara University
University of LaVerne
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of Southern
California
Vanguard University