

Adding a Full Specialty Area to an Existing Education Specialist Credential

*Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe, and
Early Childhood Special Education Specialty Areas **

The Commission does not issue duplicative authorizations. An individual should review the Special Education Assignment Chart at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/special-education-chart.pdf> before enrolling in a Preliminary program.

Holds	Completes	Earns
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	New 5-Year Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Preliminary Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Add new specialty areas(s) to Preliminary Mild/Moderate ²
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe Special Education ²	Clear Moderate/Severe Special Education ² Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Clear Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²
Clear Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹ (previously held Level I Mild/Moderate)	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²

The Language and Academic Development (LAD) specialty area may also be added in the same manner as Moderate/Severe. However, the LAD is only offered as a Preliminary program. The LAD authorization also includes an authorization for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Currently there are no LAD programs available.

¹ Autism Spectrum Disorders authorization

² Candidates completing a Preliminary OR Level I Moderate/Severe or Early Childhood Special Education program will earn a document with a full Autism authorization; the ASD authorization is not needed



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Mild/Moderate and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Specialty Areas

Holds	Completes	Earns
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	New 5-Year Level 1 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing without ASD Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Preliminary Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Preliminary Mild/Moderate and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Level 1 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing without ASD Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Clear Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary or Level I Deaf and Hard-of- Hearing ²	Clear Mild/Moderate and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD
Clear Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹ (previously held Level I Mild/Moderate)	Preliminary or Level I Deaf and Hard-of- Hearing ²	Clear Mild/Moderate and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD

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