

Certificate of Eligibility and Teaching Experience Requirement for the Education Specialist Credential

	Type of Education Specialist			
	Level I	Level II	Preliminary	Clear
May be issued a Level I or Certificate of Eligibility if not employed	Yes	No	No	No
2 Years teaching experience required to earn	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A
Experiences with children required while completing an induction program	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Certificate of Eligibility Questions	
Question	Answer
Does the Level I credential have to be applied for within five years after Certificate of Eligibility is issued?	There is no 'expiration date' for the Certificate of Eligibility.
Does the program sponsor need to apply for the Level I Credential if they originally recommended the individual for the Certificate of Eligibility?	No. Individuals must submit a direct application to the Commission for the Level I Credential. No recommendation is required.
Is the verification of Employment as an Education Specialist form (CL-777.1) required when applying for the Level I Credential?	No, the form has been discontinued effective 10/1/2010 <i>(Information included in Credential Information Alert 10-15:</i> http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig/alerts/2010_alerts/1015.pdf <i>)</i>

Employment and Earning a Clear Credential	
Question	Answer
Is employment in a special education setting is required to earn a clear Education Specialist Credential <i>(completing <u>only</u> a special education program)</i> ?	Yes. While completing the induction program, an individual must have 'experience with students' that have been identified as needing special education services. The individual does not have to be employed as the teacher of record in special education.

