

## ECE News Update – May 2022

### **Update on Activities Relating to the Proposed PK-3 ECE Specialist Credential**

Following the April 2022 Commission agenda item presenting the draft Authorization Statement, Credential Requirements, Teaching Performance Expectations, and Program Standards for the proposed PK-3 ECE Specialist credential, additional public input opportunities regarding the credential included the field survey regarding the proposed credential requirements and candidate options, focus group sessions for a variety of target audiences, and the Program Standards survey. A summary of the additional public input, along with the proposed Authorization Statement, Credential Requirements, revised Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs), and Program Standards will be presented at the Commission at its June 16-17 meeting. [Agenda item 3H](#) from the April 2022 Commission meeting provides the informational context for the refocused ECE Specialist Credential as presented previously to the Commission.

### **Apply to Be an Assessor for the Early Childhood Education CalTPA Pilot Test**

Evaluation Systems is currently accepting applications for assessors to assist with the scoring of the Pilot Test submissions of the Early Childhood Education CalTPA (ECE CalTPA). **We are especially in need of ECE practitioners at the Teacher permit level.** To submit your interest in becoming an assessor for this important work, please respond to the [ECE CalTPA Assessor Application](#). If you have additional questions, please contact Cassandra Henderson at [Cassandra.Henderson@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:Cassandra.Henderson@ctc.ca.gov).

### **Pilot 4 - Program Quality Peer Review Process Open for Participation by Interested Programs/Institutions**

Pilot Participants are encouraged to participate in the draft system of the Program Quality Peer Review Process. Pilot 4 has opened up for larger participation with institutions having the option of participating in one of two cycles beginning with the completion of the Self-Study by September 1, 2022 (cycle 2). A webinar was held on March 17, 2022, to walk institutions step by step through the Program Quality Peer Review Self-Study Guidance and Templates documents. The [Pilot 4 webinar recording](#) (passcode: i%33ZYxr) is available for viewing. Please contact us at [ece@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:ece@ctc.ca.gov) for assistance.

### **ECE Pilots Applications Are Still Being Accepted**

Programs/institutions interested in joining the ECE Pilots are encouraged to apply at any time to participate (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ECE-CDP-Pilots>). The four pilots are:

Pilot 1: Implementing TPE-aligned curriculum

Pilot 2: Implementing the ECE Program Guidelines

Pilot 3: Piloting the ECE Teaching Performance Assessment

Pilot 4: Piloting the Program Quality Peer Review process during spring 2022

### **Update on ECE Design Teams Work Under the PDG-R Grant**

The **ECE Teaching Performance Assessment Design Team** held its tenth meeting on May 10, 2022. During this meeting, the Design Team heard an overview of the most current work regarding the PK-3 ECE Specialist Credential and a Draft ECE Program Guide walk through along with interactive discussions. The ECE CalTPA development work is ongoing through

2023. This work is part of a two-year process of designing and piloting a new formative ECE Teaching Performance Assessment for candidates for the Teacher level of the Child Development Permit.

The **ECE Program Quality Peer Review Design Team** has developed a draft new Peer Review system designed specifically for ECE preparation programs. The draft system (Pilot 4) has opened up for larger participation with Pilot participating institutions having the option of participating in (cycle 2) by September 1, 2022.

### **California Department of Education (CDE) Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Planning and Implementation Guidance**

Information and resources for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) are posted at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/>. Additionally, all guidance has been posted on the California Educators Together web page at <https://www.caeducatorstogether.org/groups/e0cfjrjf/upk-p-3>. The CDE will release additional guidance on a rolling basis.

### **California Department of Education (CDE) Preschool Through Third Grade (P-3) Alignment Webpage and Bimonthly P-3 Newsletter**

The CDE has developed a webpage to highlight the cross-sector work of alignment and coherence across grades and systems to improve coordination of policies and practices in preschool, across transitions to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten, and through third grade and beyond. The [link](#) to the webpage is included for reference. To subscribe to the CDE's P-3 ListServe, email "subscribe" to [subscribe-cdep3updates@mlist.cde.ca.gov](mailto:subscribe-cdep3updates@mlist.cde.ca.gov). In addition, CDE provides bimonthly newsletters that share information on department news related to the CDE's P-3 initiative, and include new resources and funding opportunities, spotlights on local P-3 implementation in action, and information on upcoming and recent P-3 related events. Please note that partner content is not endorsed by the CDE. To subscribe to the CDE's P-3 ListServe, email "subscribe" to [subscribe-cdep3updates@mlist.cde.ca.gov](mailto:subscribe-cdep3updates@mlist.cde.ca.gov).

### **Other Involvement Opportunities**

Please take advantage of collaborative opportunities open to the field for participation offered by the California Community Colleges Teacher Preparation Programs (CCTPP). These opportunities include several communities of practice, as follows:

[ECE CoP Listserv](#)

[EDU CoP Listserv](#)

[NEW Leadership CoP Listserv](#)

[CCCTPP Calendar](#)

### **Take Advantage of ECE Office Hours**

Commission staff are holding bimonthly office hours for the ECE stakeholder community. Office hours provide an opportunity when ECE staff will be available to respond to questions, comments, and other informational needs. ECE office hours will be held from 12-1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Here is the [zoom link](#) for accessing ECE office hours on the first Tuesday and the [zoom link](#) for the third Tuesday.

### **ECE Webpage**

The [ECE Webpage](#) reflects the Commission's current ECE work as well as providing links to prior webinars and other ECE-related events of note. Please take a moment to browse all the work that is ongoing and the updates.

### **To Contact your CTC ECE Team**

We are always happy to hear from you whether you have questions, comments, or suggestions. For general ECE questions, comments, suggestions, including assistance with the ECE Pilots: [ECE@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:ECE@ctc.ca.gov). For ECE TPA-specific questions, comments, suggestions: [ececaltpa@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:ececaltpa@ctc.ca.gov).

**Your CTC ECE Team: Phyllis, June, Debbi, Cassandra, and Terri**