



PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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SUBJECT: DESIGNATED SUBJECTS CTE CREDENTIALS: AUTHORIZATION FOR EL, ADDING A CTE CREDENTIAL AND COMPLETING PRIOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Summary:

This Program Sponsor Alert clarifies the following three topics for the new Career Technical Education Credentials:

1. the authorization for teaching English learners (EL) with the Preliminary CTE Credential
2. the requirements for obtaining a Designated Subjects Career Technical Education Credential when the teacher already holds another clear teaching credential
3. completing prior vocational education/CTE programs

Background:

In August 2008 the Commission approved new standards for Career Technical Education (CTE) preparation programs. These standards were developed to be consistent with other teacher education standards and the Teaching Performance Expectations (TPE). New CTE credentials were also structured to be consistent with the new preparation standards. The new CTE Preliminary Credential is valid for three years and authorizes teaching of CTE, during which time CTE teacher candidates are expected to enroll and participate in an approved CTE teacher preparation program. Completion of the program to clear the credential requires 9 semester units or 135 hours of professional preparation. The preparation for individuals to teach English learners (EL) is embedded throughout the new preparation programs. The new credentials and preparation programs replace the old Vocational Education Level 1 and Level II programs as of August 31, 2010. Holders of the five-year CTE or Vocational Education Credentials will be allowed to complete either the old vocational education program (by August 31, 2013) or the new CTE program.

Teaching EL While Holding the Preliminary CTE Credential

The Career Technical Education (CTE) Program Standards (2008) require preparation for teaching English learners (EL) to be embedded in the preparation program. Therefore, the Clear CTE Credential authorizes teaching EL. With the Preliminary Credential, CTE teacher candidates may teach while completing teacher preparation. However, the Preliminary Credential does not authorize teaching EL. Until all requirements for the Clear CTE Credential are completed, holders of the Preliminary CTE Credential may obtain a waiver annually for teaching EL as long as they are making progress toward completing the requirements. If candidates are employed to teach classes which include ELs, the employer may request a Commission waiver for the EL authorization each year that the individual holds the Preliminary Credential. Teacher candidates should not be recommended for the waiver if they cannot verify enrollment (first waiver) and progress (second and possibly third waivers) in the preparation program. Candidates should be provided the opportunity and encouraged to complete the clear credential requirements as early as possible to avoid the need for additional waivers.

Requirements for Adding a Designated Subjects CTE Credential When an Individual Holds Another Teaching Credential

Approved CTE teacher preparation programs may waive all CTE preparation except the CTE Foundations (Program Standard 13) for teachers holding a multiple subject, single subject or education specialist teaching credential which includes an authorization to teach English learners. This is an example of a program granting an equivalency because the individual already holds another teaching credential. This provision is not in regulation but a matter of an approved program granting an equivalency. Holders of one of the identified teaching credentials:

- should only be required to complete the CTE Foundations component of the recommending program.
- should have at least one year of teaching experience while holding the original credential and two years of occupational experience in the specific industry sector for the CTE credential they wish to obtain.
- will need one additional year of documented successful CTE teaching experience completed while holding a preliminary CTE credential to qualify for the clear CTE credential.

If the original teaching credential does not include an authorization to teach English learners or if the individual does not hold a separate English learner authorization (i.e. Clear CLAD/BCLAD Certificate, Certificate of Completion of Staff Development) then the individual must complete the above and the coursework for the English learner authorization.

Completing the Prior Vocational Education/CTE Programs

Since August 31, 2010, prior vocational education programs may no longer recommend for preliminary credentials. The Commission no longer issues five-year preliminary CTE credentials. Only programs approved based on the new CTE teacher preparation standards may submit recommendations for CTE preliminary credentials. Therefore:

- Individuals who hold the five-year preliminary vocational education or CTE credential may complete the prior vocational education/CTE program if enrolled by

August 31, 2010. No new candidates may be admitted to old programs after August 31, 2010.

- Candidates enrolled in the prior credential program by August 31, 2010, may complete either the old program by August 31, 2013 or transition to the new program.
- *Prior programs must verify completion of Level I preparation to the employers (rather than the Commission) within two years of the issue date of the preliminary credential or transition candidates to a new three-year CTE program.*
- Candidates who did not enroll in the Level I program prior to August 31, 2010 and who do not complete the new CTE program within the first two years of holding the full- time/part-time credential must transition to a 3-year preliminary CTE credential.
- Candidates must complete all prior vocational programs requirements before August 31, 2013, or complete a new CTE program. All prior vocational education programs expire on August 31, 2013.

References:

CTE Credential Information Leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/c1880.pdf>

CTE Program Standards Handbook

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/standards/CTE-Handbook.pdf>

Commission Agenda Items

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2007-12/2007-12-3G.pdf>

Information on how to apply for a waiver:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig/HANDBOOKS/WaiverHandbook.pdf>

Contact Information:

The Professional Services Division provides a full list of topic specific dedicated email addresses as well as program areas with the most up to date Commission staff member's email address here

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/PSD-contact.html>.

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