



PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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Subject: Approved Programs Web Pages, Contact Information for Program Sponsors and Multiple and Single Subject Second Tier Credential Name Clarification

Summary

This alert provides information on three topics:

- The Approved Programs web page—the public and the CIG listing of approved programs,
- The responsibility of program sponsors to keep their contact information up to date on the Commission’s Approved Programs listing, and
- Clarification of the names of the multiple and single subject second tier credential programs: General Education Clear program and General Education Induction program.

Approved Programs Web Pages

All program sponsors (colleges, universities, school districts, county offices of education, and other entities) approved to offer one or more educator preparation programs are listed on the Commission’s Approved Programs webpage. As of March 2011 there are over 250 institutions approved to offer educator preparation in California.

The Approved Programs database drives two distinct web pages: the public webpage and the Credential Information Guide (CIG) webpage. The public webpage provides a general listing of the approved programs offered by a program sponsor. A Commission-approved program only appears on the public webpage if it is active. The CIG approved programs webpage provides all details about approved programs including approval date, program status including if a program is inactive, expired or has been withdrawn. The CIG approved programs page requires the viewer to submit the CIG log in and password.

Institutional Contact Information

Each approved program sponsor is responsible for keeping the Commission's database updated with names and contact information for institutional leadership. All official correspondences from the Commission are sent to the individuals listed in the database. The database is configured for roles within both higher education and the K-12 system. If an approved program sponsor does not have an individual in one of the roles listed below, the entry should be left blank and the role will not appear on program sponsor's contact page. The role options are listed here:

- President/Superintendent
- Chief Academic Officer/Associate Superintendent
- Dean/Director
- Associate Dean/Coordinator
- Director of Teacher Education
- Credential Analyst

In addition, each program sponsor may elect to provide a URL for its webpage in the database. If a URL is provided, it will appear on the institution's contact page.

Second Tier Multiple and Single Subjects Programs

The second tier credential programs that are approved to offer the clear general education teaching credential have had numerous names in the recent years which have caused confusion in the field. The prior names include:

- Fifth Year of Study
- Clear Credential program
- SB 2042 Fifth Year program
- BTSA program
- BTSA Induction program

There are now two names for the second tier programs that are approved to offer the clear teaching credential. These are General Education Induction and General Education Clear. It is important to note that there are two routes for an individual holding a Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential to earn a Clear teaching credential if the credential has an issuance date on or after August 30, 2004. The route required by statute is the completion of a General Education Induction program. It is not a Commission requirement that an individual be employed to participate in induction but the approved program must ensure that the individual has the appropriate experiences with general education students. Not all approved induction programs accept candidates who are not employed as teachers.

The second option is a General Education Clear program which is only an option if an Induction program is as not available to an individual as verified by an employer or the individual must complete coursework to meet No Child Left Behind compliance. Therefore, an individual must be employed as a teacher to be eligible to begin a General Education Clear credential program.

Individuals with a Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Credential issued before August 30, 2004, may complete either the General Education Induction or Clear Credential program. The titles below are shown on the Commission's Approved Programs web pages:

General Education (Multiple and Single Subject) Induction Programs are offered by colleges, universities, school districts, or county offices of education and allow an individual holding a Preliminary MS or SS teaching credential to earn a clear teaching credential. A General Education Induction program sponsored by a school district or county office of education may elect to include BTSA in its name but it will not be included on the Commission's approved programs web pages.

General Education (Multiple and Single Subject) Clear Programs are offered by colleges or universities and allow an individual holding a Preliminary MS or SS teaching credential to earn a clear teaching credential when the candidate has a CL 855 form signed by an employer.

The Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division (CAW) is working to update leaflets and other information posted on the Commission's website related to this clarification of the names.

Second Tier Education Specialist Credential Programs

The second tier credential for the Education Specialist teaching credentials is also undergoing a transition from the Level I and Level II programs to the Preliminary and Clear Education Specialist Induction Programs. On the Approved Programs web pages the second tier programs addressing the recently adopted standards are identified as **Clear Education Specialist Induction Programs**. There is only **one** route to earn the second tier credential in special education. An individual does not need to be employed to complete the Clear Education Specialist Induction program, but the approved program must ensure that the individual has the appropriate experiences with special education students.

References

Public Approved Programs webpage:

http://134.186.81.79/fmi/xsl/CTC_apm/recordlist.html

CIG Approved Programs webpage: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig/cig_toc.html

Contact information for all institutions:

<https://info.ctc.ca.gov/fmi/xsl/ProgramSponsors/recordlist.xsl>

Program Sponsor Responsibilities-Updating Contact Information Electronically:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/PS-alerts/2011/PSA-11-01.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>.