

PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Field Webinar

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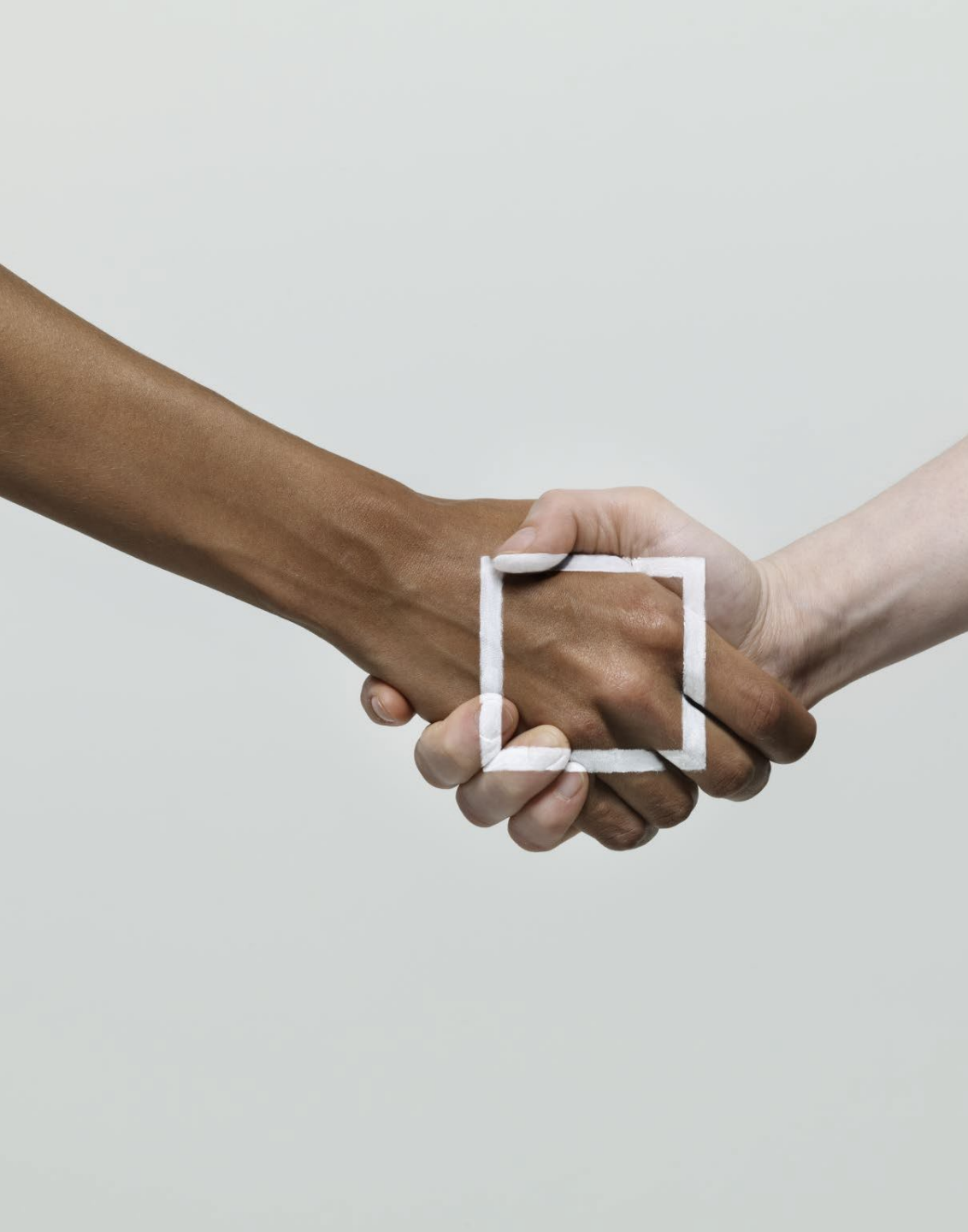
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Please Introduce Yourself In the Chat

Share your:

- Name
- Job Title
- Affiliation

Questions that will be answered today!

I have a degree in ECE and 20 years of experience, do I still have to get a credential?

How can I find out who is offering a PK-3 credential program?

Do I have to teach TK-3, I only want to teach preschool?

I have a multiple subject credential and want the PK-3 credential, what do I need to do?



Poll: PK-3 ECE and Me



Is a teaching
credential
required to
teach TK-3 in a
public
elementary
school setting?





Requirements for PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential

Bachelors or higher degree from regionally accredited institution of higher education

Subject Matter Requirement

- 24 units in ECE/Child Development OR
- BA or above in one of nine specific majors

Completion of Preliminary PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Program

- Teacher preparation coursework (theory and pedagogy)
- Clinical Practice
- Introduce/Practice/Assess TPEs
- Includes new Literacy, Math and DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) standards and TPEs

Passage of Commission-Approved Teaching Performance Assessment

1. Enrolled prior to July 1, 2025* – Complete the following in TK-3 placement:
 - MS CalTPA, EdTPA, or FAST
 - RICA
2. Enrolled after July 1, 2025 – Complete the following:
 - PK-3 CalTPA Cycle 1 in a PK-3 placement
 - PK-3 CalTPA Cycle 2 in a TK-3 placement

*Has option to take the new PK-3 TPA when available July 1, 2025.

Requirements for the PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential

- Bachelor's or higher degree
- Subject Matter Requirement
- Completion of a PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction credential program
- Passage of Commission-Approved Teaching Performance Assessment



Reminders: NO CBEST, NO CSET



Subject Matter Requirement – 2 options

BACCALAUREATE OR HIGHER DEGREE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Child Development
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Human Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Child and Family Studies
- Early Childhood Studies
- Human Development and Family Science
- Family Science
- Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies

COURSEWORK

Completion of 24 semester units or the equivalent quarter units of non-remedial, degree-applicable coursework at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in early childhood education and/or child development



Completion of a PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Program



- Teacher preparation coursework (theory and pedagogy)
- Clinical Practice
- Introduce/Practice/Assess Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs) embedded in program
- Includes new Literacy, Math and Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity standards and TPEs
- Passage of Commission Approved Teaching Performance Assessment



Passage of a Commission Approved Teaching Performance Assessment

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Check with your program to see what options you have.



Clinical Practice Requirement

Clinical Practice is a **required developmental, sequential, and intentional** set of activities integrated with educator preparation program coursework.

Candidates have a supervisor from the program and a mentor teacher in the classroom.

Essential element of credential program. To ensure candidates are ready to teach the span of ages authorized and to be successful on the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA), this credential requires placement in **both** a **PK/TK** setting **and** a **K-3** setting.

Check with programs to learn how they structure clinical practice so you can choose the right fit for you.

While it is possible to earn equivalency for the PK/TK placement based on prior employment or completion of a practicum, all candidates for this credential must complete clinical practice. (There is no equivalency available for the K-3 placement.)



Option 1: Professional Equivalency for Clinical Practice

One of the following

- Child Development Permit: teacher level or higher
- Lead teacher in Head Start program
- Lead teacher in childcare and development center serving preschool-aged children

AND

Six years or more of satisfactory, full-time teaching

- Candidate must provide written verification – See PK-3 Credential Handbook for specifics

Program must grant 200 hours equivalency

No 'partial credit'



Option 2:

Practicum Equivalency for Clinical Practice

- Regionally accredited institute of higher education (IHE)
- Credit-bearing and degree applicable
- Completed in preschool or ECE setting serving 3–4-year-old children
- Supervised by trained faculty member/instructor with expertise in ECE/CD pedagogy and includes observation, feedback, reflection
- Grade of C or better – candidate provides transcripts
- Equivalency granted commensurate with number of practicum hours.



Funding to Support Preparation of PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Candidates

Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program

Teacher Residency Grants

Golden State Teacher Grants



I already hold a credential... Now what?



Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Holders

- Must also hold an appropriate English Learner Authorization.
- Meet subject matter competency requirement.
- Direct application mailed to the Commission with the application fee and supporting documents.

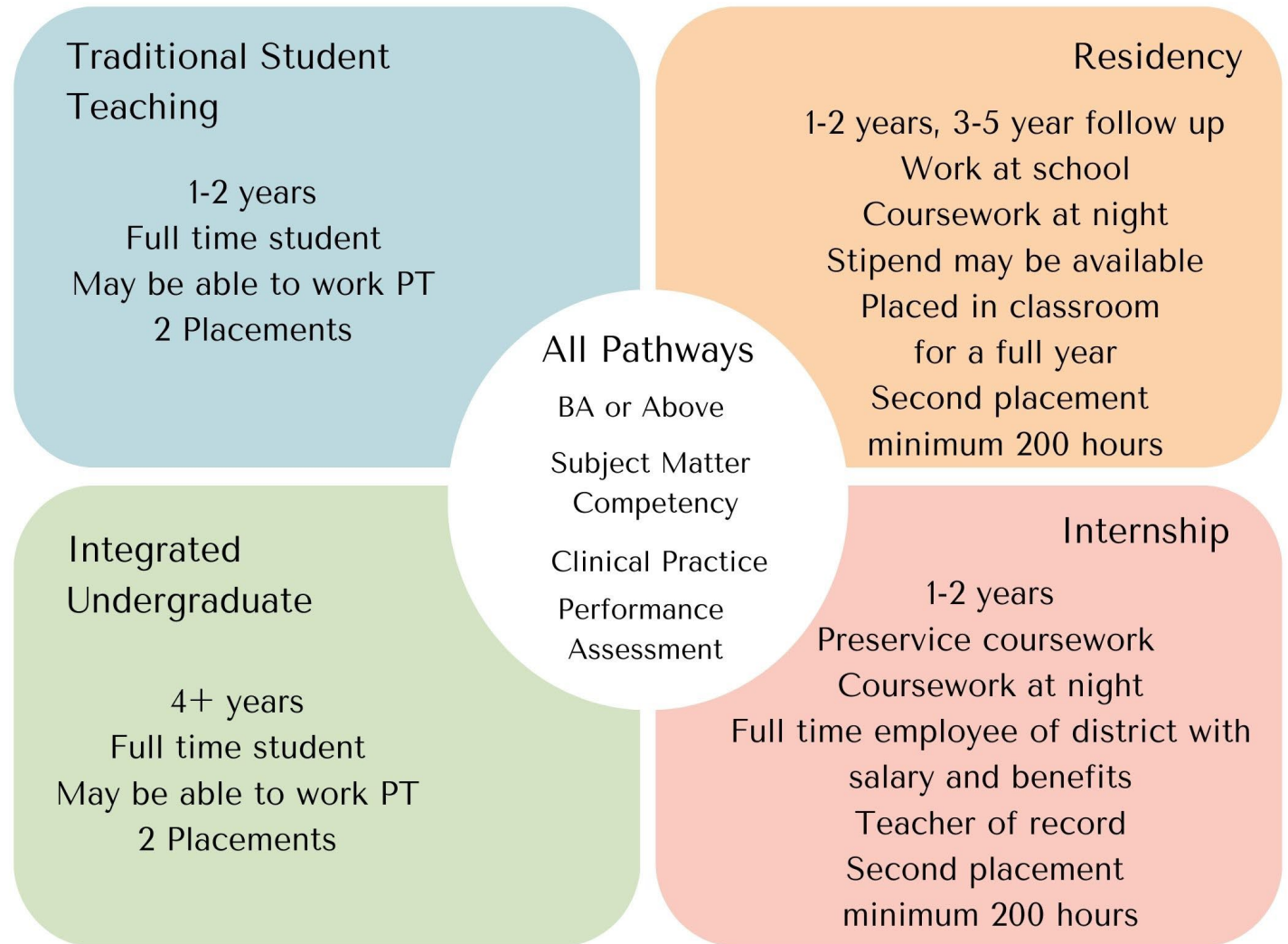


Out-of-state, out-of-country credentials

- There is no direct out-of-state or out-of-country application route.
- Educators with a comparable credentials must first apply for the Multiple Subject credential earn an English Learner Authorization (if not included at initial application time) and meet the subject matter competence requirement to add the PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction credential to the existing Multiple Subjects Teaching credential.



Pathways to the PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential



PK-3 Credential Programs

Institutions and
Pathways



San Jose State University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching and Residency
Intern

Fresno State University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching and Residency

Riverside County Office of Education

Intern

San Diego County Office of Education

Intern

Vanguard University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Integrated Undergraduate Pathway

California State University Dominguez Hills

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Intern

Biola University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Integrated Undergraduate

Educator Preparation Programs

Select Type of Preparation

PK-3 Specialist Teaching ▼

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(All)

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Clear Teaching Credentials

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Designated Subjects Teaching

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Elementary Teaching

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PK-3 Specialist Teaching

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Secondary Teaching

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Services Credentials

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Special Education Added Authorizations

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Special Education Teaching








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Teaching Specialists and Authorizations

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Apply

List of Institutions

-  BIOLA UNIVERSITY
-  CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS
-  CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
-  RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
-  SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
-  SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
-  VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

Approved Prep Programs for PK3 Credential

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/reports/data/approved-institutions-and-programs>

Resources



Commission Resources

[Early Childhood Education Page](#)

[PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential page](#)

Institution of Higher Education Resources

[PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Handbook](#)

[PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Clinical Practice Guide](#)

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Candidate Resources

[California TK Workforce Requirements and Educator Pathways](#)

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