



PK-E ECE SPECIALIST INSTRUCTION CREDENTIAL UPDATE CCC-TPP

PK-3 ECE SPECIALIST INSTRUCTION CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

Degree

- Bachelors' degree or higher from a 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

Passage of Commission-Approved Teaching Performance Assessment

- PK-3 CalTPA Cycle 1 in a PK-3 placement
- PK-3 CalTPA Cycle 2 in a TK-3 placement

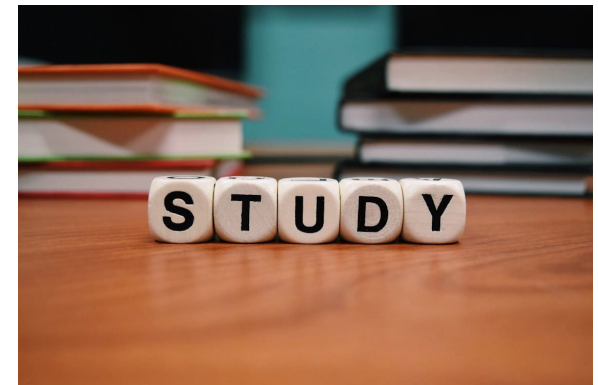
SUBJECT MATTER REQUIREMENT

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



CLINICAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENT



- Clinical Practice is a developmental and sequential set of activities integrated with theoretical and pedagogical coursework and must consist of a minimum of 600 hours of clinical practice.
- Clinical practice requirement for this credential is a minimum of 600 hours:
 - 200 in PK/TK
 - 200 in K-3
 - 200 in choice PK-3
- Candidates may be granted credit towards the PK/TK portion with one of two options.

OPTION 1: PROFESSIONAL EQUIVALENCY

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 Handbook for specifics

Program must grant 200 hours equivalency

No 'partial credit'



OPTION 2: PRACTICUM EQUIVALENCY



- 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.

CLINICAL PRACTICE NOTES

Must complete minimum of 200 hours in K-3.

Clinical Practice is crucial to preparation and is where candidates develop competencies.

Programs are responsible for preparing candidates for success on the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) and ensure appropriate placement for completing it.

Programs may require more than minimum of 600 hours.

If granting equivalency, programs may combine work experience and practicum for up to total of 400 hours equivalency.

Formal observations: 6 per semester or 4 per quarter.



APPROVED PK-3 ECE SPECIALIST INSTRUCTION CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS AND PATHWAYS

San Jose State University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
and Residency
Intern

California State University Dominguez Hills

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Intern

California State University Long Beach

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Biliteracy Authorization in Spanish or Asian
(Optional)

California State University Stanislaus

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Intern

California State University Fresno

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Intern

Sonoma State University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching

San Francisco State University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Integrated Undergraduate
Intern

UC Merced

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching

Sacramento State University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching

APPROVED PK-3 ECE SPECIALIST INSTRUCTION CREDENTIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PATHWAYS

Riverside County Office of Education

Intern

San Diego County Office of Education

Intern

Placer County Office of Education

Intern

Los Angeles County Office of Education

Intern

Biola University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Integrated Undergraduate

Vanguard University

Post-Baccalaureate Traditional Student Teaching
Integrated Undergraduate Pathway

Azusa Pacific University

Integrated Undergraduate Pathway

Mount Saint Mary's University

Integrated Undergraduate Pathway

APPROVED PK-3 ECE SPECIALIST INSTRUCTION CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Approved Programs

- ☒ Educator Preparation Program
☐ Subject Matter Preparation Program

Select Type of Preparation

PK-3 Teaching ▼

☐	(All)
☐	Clear Teaching Credentials
☐	Designated Subjects Teaching
☐	Elementary Teaching
☒	PK-3 Teaching
☐	Secondary Teaching
☐	Services Credentials
☐	Special Education Added Authorizations
☐	Special Education Teaching
☐	Teaching Specialists and Authorizations

Cancel Apply

Self-reported by institution annually

Segment

List of Institutions

-  Azusa Pacific University
-  Biola University
-  California State University, Dominguez Hills
-  California State University, Fresno
-  California State University, Long Beach
-  California State University, Sacramento
-  California State University, Stanislaus
-  Los Angeles County Office of Education
-  Mount Saint Mary's University - Los Angeles
-  Placer County Office of Education
-  Riverside County Office of Education
-  San Diego County Office of Education
-  San Francisco State University
-  San Jose State University
-  Sonoma State University
-  University of California, Merced
-  Vanguard University

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