



EARNING YOUR PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL

GROUP ADVISING SESSION



LEARNING GOALS

1. To know what the Preliminary Credential is.
2. To know all requirements to be recommended for the Preliminary Credential.
3. To know how to be recommended for the Preliminary Credential.
4. To know what to expect after your program ends (what is induction and what is the clear credential)



What is the Preliminary Credential?

Learning Goal #1

WHAT IS THE PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL?

- The credential that teacher candidates are working to complete in their program.
- The Preliminary Credential is valid for 5 years.
- It cannot be renewed.
- During this 5-year time period, teacher candidates must complete an Induction Program and upgrade to the Clear Credential.



Multiple Subject Preliminary Credential

- A Multiple Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach in a self-contained classroom such as the classrooms in most elementary schools. However, a teacher authorized for multiple subject instruction may be assigned to teach in any self-contained classroom (preschool, K–12, inclusive, or in classes organized primarily for adults). In addition, the holder of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential may serve in a core or team teaching setting.
- English Learners Authorization will be embedded.

Single Subject Preliminary Credential

- The Single Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the specific subject(s) named on the credential in departmentalized classes, such as those in most middle schools and high schools, in grades preschool, K–12, or in classes organized primarily for adults.
- English Learners Authorization will be embedded.

Education Specialist Preliminary Credential

The Education Specialist Instruction Credential authorizes the holder to conduct Educational Assessments related to student's access to the academic core curriculum and progress towards meeting instructional academic goals, provide instruction, and Special Education Support to individuals in the area of specialization listed on the credential in the following settings:

- Resource rooms or services
- Special education settings
- General education settings
- Special schools
- Home/hospital settings
- State hospitals
- Development centers
- Correctional facilities
- Non-public, non-sectarian schools and agencies
- Alternative and non-traditional instructional public school settings other than classroom

Education Specialist Preliminary Credential

Specialty Area for students who began their program before Summer 2022 - Mild/Moderate Disabilities (M/M): Includes specific learning disabilities; mild to moderate intellectual disabilities; other health impairments; serious emotional disturbance; and authorizes service in grades K–12 and in classes organized primarily for adults through age 22.

Specialty Area for students who began their program on Summer 2022 and after - Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN)

Includes specific learning disabilities; mild to moderate support needs; autism; emotional disturbance; intellectual disability; multiple disabilities; orthopedic impairment; other health impairment; specific learning disability; traumatic brain injury; and authorizes service in grades K–12, transitional kindergarten, and in classes organized primarily for adults through age 22.

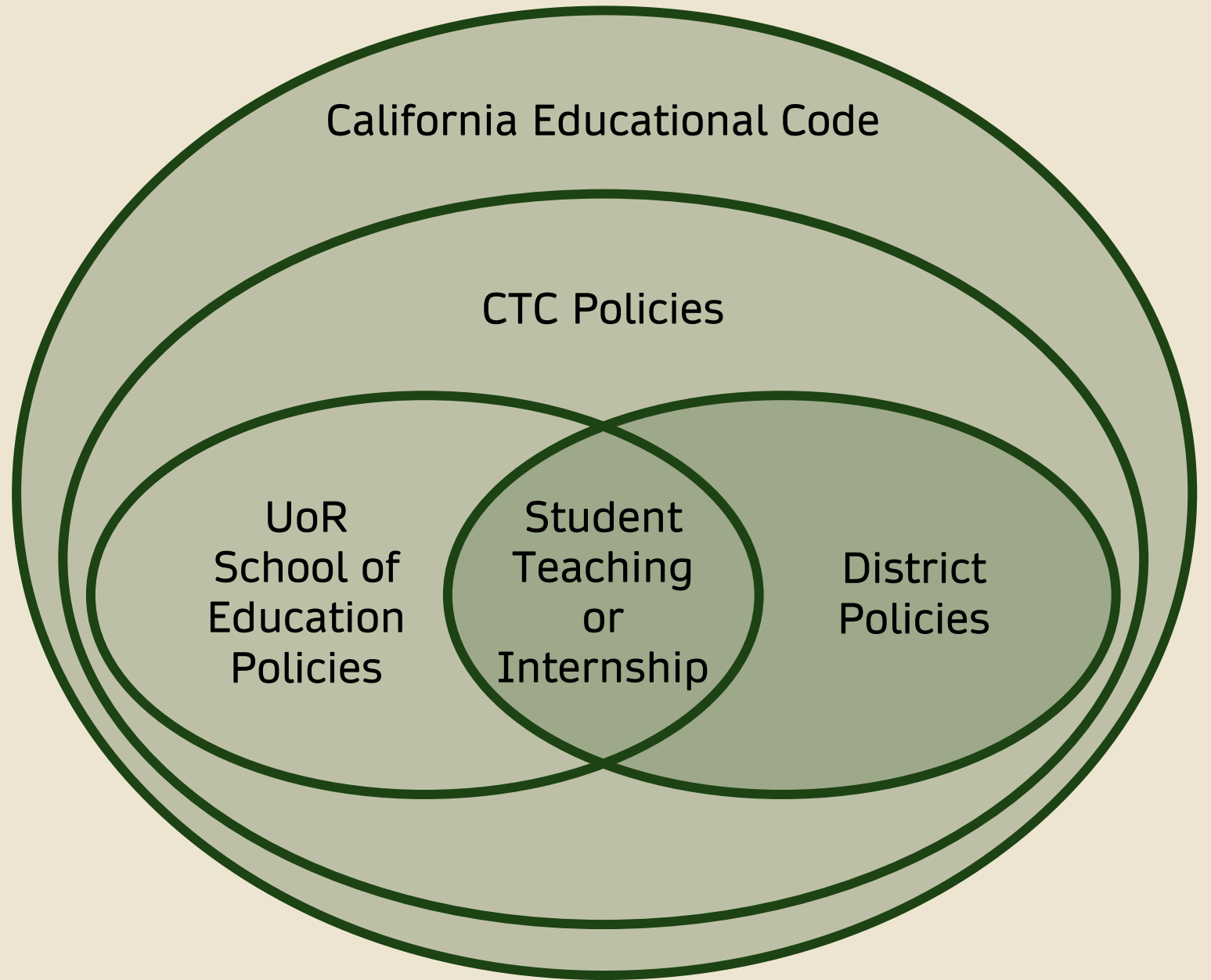
Authorizations:

- Autism Spectrum Disorders Authorization: Authorizes the holder to provide autism instructional services to students within the specialty area(s) of their credential.
- English Learners Authorization

Preliminary Credential Requirements

Learning Goal #2

Policies That Guide Our Program And Requirements



Program Requirements

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- MALT 610 – Master's degree thesis

COURSEWORK

- Methods/ Foundation Courses
- Seminar Course

FIELDWORK

- Early Fieldwork
- Student Teaching or Internship

Credential Requirements

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- RICA
- CalTPA or TPE Portfolio
- US Constitution requirement

OPTION 1: MALT PATHWAY

Semester 1:
Foundations and
Methods Courses

Semester 2:
Foundations and
Methods Courses

Semester 3:
Fieldwork
(student teaching
or internship,
seminar course)

Semester 4:
Master Thesis
Course

Preliminary Credential
Recommendation

Master's Degree
Conferred

OPTION 2: CREDENTIAL ONLY PATHWAY



Semester 1:
Foundations and
Methods Courses

Semester 2:
Foundations and
Methods Courses

Semester 3:
Fieldwork
(student teaching
or internship,
seminar course)

Preliminary Credential
Recommendation

OPTION 3: TEACHER RESIDENCY PATHWAY

Semester 1:
Foundations and
Methods Courses

Semester 2:
Foundations and
Methods Courses &
Residency I

Semester 3:
Foundations and
Methods courses,
Residency II, &
Residency Seminar

Semester 4:
MALT 610

Preliminary
Credential
Recommendation

Master's
Degree Conferred

Preliminary Credential Requirements

* = Submitted in application
to the school of education

1. Completed [credential application](#)
2. Evidence of a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution*
3. Evidence of Basic Skills Requirement*
4. Current Certificate of Clearance issued by CCTC*
5. Evidence of negative TB test result within the last two years*
6. Evidence of Subject Matter Competency
7. Evidence of the U.S. Constitution requirement
8. RICA passed (multiple subjects and EDSP only)
9. All TPA cycles passed (multiple subject, single subject and EDSP students who began their program during Summer 2022 and after and are earning the Mild to Moderate Support Needs credential)
10. TPE Portfolio passed (EDSP only)
11. Valid CPR certificate (infant, child and adult)
12. All teacher-prep coursework completed, and grades posted
13. Clear student account
14. Health Education and Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) workshops (EDSP students only)

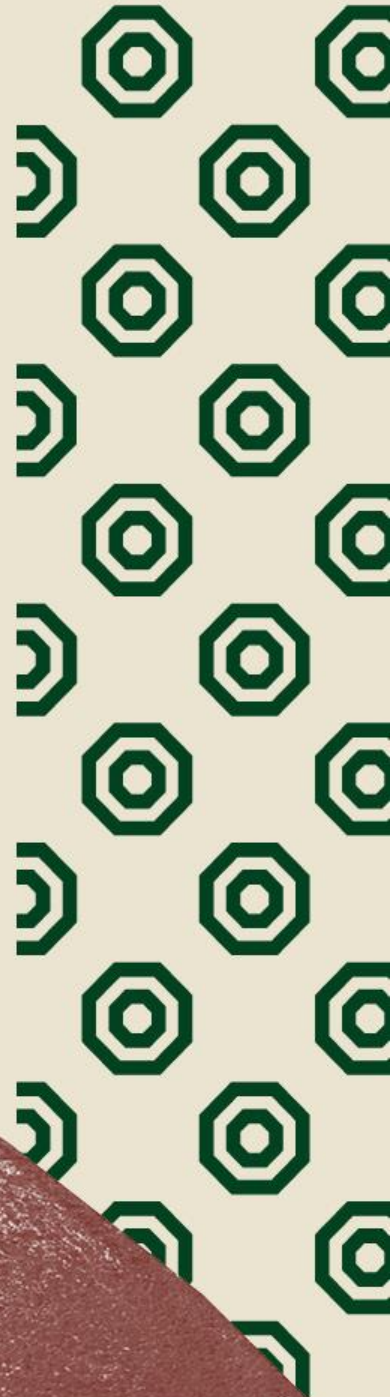
Preliminary Credential Recommendation Process

Learning Goal #3

PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

- Candidate completes all coursework (not including MALT 610), and grades are posted
- Candidate checks all credential requirements & submits the credential application
 - Candidate will attach proof of meeting the credential requirements to the application.
- Candidate's advisor will review the application and submit the recommendation to the CTC (2-3 weeks)
- Candidates will receive an email from CTC to pay credential fee
- CTC will process the recommendation (10 business days)

You can find the credential application [here](#).



What comes next?

Induction & Clear Credential

Learning Goal #4

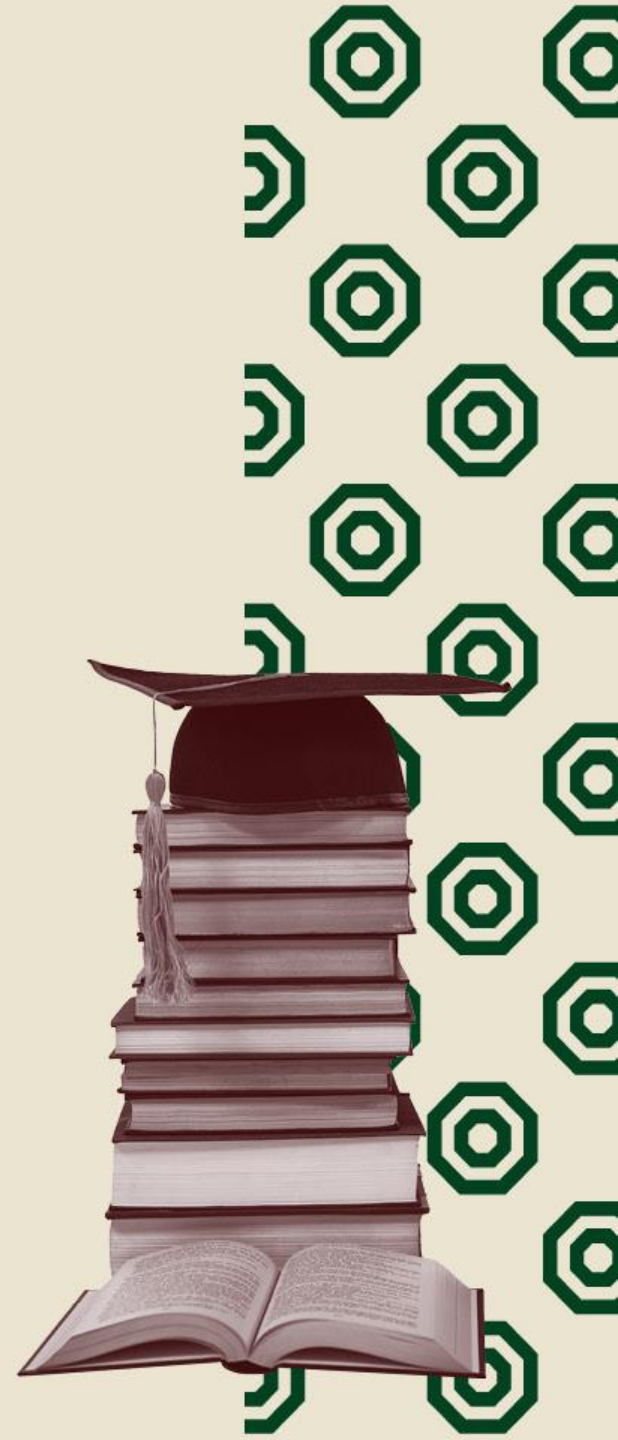
WHAT IS A CLEAR CREDENTIAL?

- This credential signifies that all education and program requirements for the credential have been met.
- Once receiving the Preliminary Credential, your next step is to “upgrade” to the Clear Credential.
- This is done by completing a CTC-Approved Induction Program.
- The Preliminary Credential is valid for 5 years. Meaning you have 5 years to upgrade to the Clear Credential.



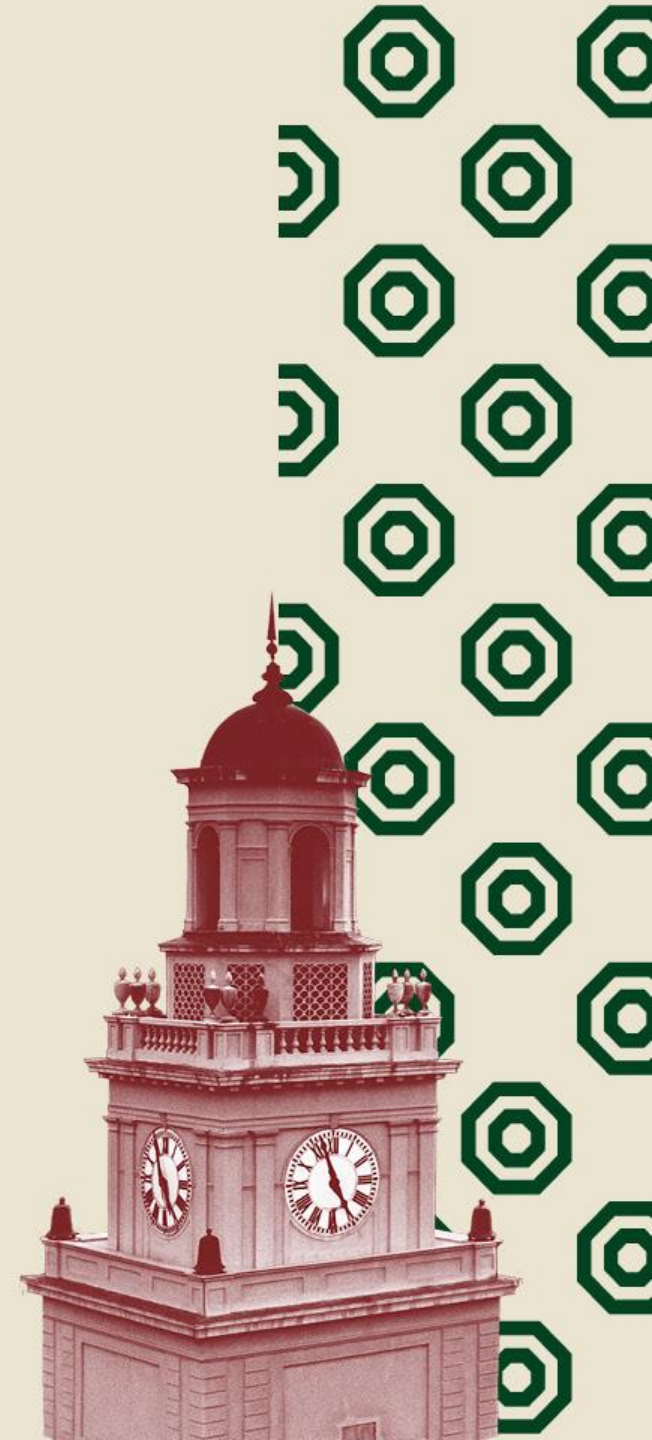
INDUCTION PROGRAM

California has a two-tiered credentialing system for teachers. Preliminary programs prepare candidates to obtain an initial teaching credential through successful completion of required coursework, fieldwork, and a performance demonstration of their knowledge, skills, and abilities. The second tier of preparation is a two-year job-embedded individualized induction program that is focused on extensive support and mentoring to new teachers in their first and second year of teaching.



INDUCTION PROGRAM

- [List of Institutions Sponsoring Teacher Induction Programs](#)
- Ask about induction in your interviews
 - Do they offer induction?
 - Do you have to pay for it yourself?
 - How is their support organized?
- Can be completed out of state/country (look for an online program)



Earning A Second Credential

Candidates can complete the requirements for and apply to CTC directly for the following routes:

- Multiple Subject credential holder adds Single Subject credential
- Single Subject credential holder add Multiple Subject credential
- Single Subject credential holder add additional Single Subject(s) area(s)

Requires additional program completion and recommendation for the following routes:

- General Ed (Multiple or Single Subject) credential holder add Special Ed (Education Specialist/Mild to Moderate Support Needs) credential
- Special Ed (Education Specialist/Mild to Moderate Support Needs) credential holder add General Ed (Multiple or Single Subject) credential

RESOURCES

- [Pathway to Credentialing](#)
- [Current Teacher Candidates](#)
- [Upcoming Group Advising Sessions](#)



Registration Support Information

- To find out when the registration period for the next semester opens, please refer to the [academic calendar](#)
- Registration Support Sessions
 - Links can be found [here](#)



Do you need an Academic Status Letter?

Are you starting to apply for jobs and need proof of program completion?

Request an Academic Status Letter by filling out this form [here](#).

