

In December of 1998, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing adopted new technology standards for credential candidates. Multiple Subject and Single Subject credential candidates (not Special Education) will be required to demonstrate computer knowledge at a "basic" level for the Preliminary Credential and knowledge at a more advanced" level" for the Professional Clear.

Here are the implementation dates:

Before July 1, 2002: If you complete and apply for your first credential (Preliminary or Professional Clear) before this date, you are not required to complete the new computer education requirement and you need to complete only the existing computer education course for the Professional Clear. (You may also choose to complete the new Level I or Level II course for the Professional Clear.)

After June 30, 2002:

You must complete the new Level I course for the Preliminary and the Level II course for the Professional Clear. (If applying directly for the Professional Clear, both levels must be met.)

For Multiple Subject Credential candidates:

Computer Level I requirement = EED 513 (EED 613 may apply to the Level I requirement until SED 513 is scheduled.)

Computer Level II requirement = EED 602

For Single Subject Credential candidates:

Computer Level I and Level II requirement

- SED 514 with
- SED 525 (in all areas except ESL) and
- SED 555

If you have already completed the courses listed above, you can receive credit for the appropriate computer requirement as long as the course was completed no more than 10 years prior to completion of the program and application for the credential.

Is there a way to test out of this requirement?

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has approved the SSAT "Preliminary Educational Technology" test to verify completion of Computer Level I. A test has not yet been approved for Level II.

THE NEW COMPUTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

What if a computer education course has already been completed?

If you have completed a different computer education course from those listed above, either at CSUN or elsewhere, you need to submit a "Course Substitution Request" form with a course description so the Credential Office can determine equivalency under the new computer standards. If you have already received approval from the Credential Office for a course substitution for the existing computer education course, this substitution will continue to be approved for the Level I requirement and you will only need to complete Level II for the Professional Clear Credential.

If you have any questions, please call the office at (818) 677-2586 or email at credrep@csun.edu