

To: Special Education Credential Candidates

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Re: Education Specialist with an English Learner (EL) Authorization

Date: February 20, 2007

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) has informed Institutions of Higher Education that as of July 1, 2007, Education Specialist Credential Programs must meet requirements for an Education Specialist Credential with an English Learner (EL) Authorization. The Department of Special Education at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) submitted a proposal for the EL Authorization in December 2006 which was recently recommended for approval. This means that CSUN Special Education credential candidates, who are eligible (see below), will be recommended for an Education Specialist Credential with an English Learner Authorization. Information on the EL Authorization at CSUN will be posted through the Department of Special Education website at [www.csun.edu/sped/](http://www.csun.edu/sped/) under “News and Announcements”.

In anticipation of your questions regarding the EL Authorization for Level I and Level II credential programs, please read below.

### **Preliminary Level I Core Requirements for EL**

The following courses are required for an EL Authorization. If you took these courses at CSUN and if they were completed Fall 2002 or after, you will be eligible for an EL authorization.

If the following courses were not taken at CSUN or were transferred from another institution, and if they were completed Fall 2002 or after, your coursework would need to be evaluated and additional coursework may be required.

If the following courses were taken prior to Fall 2002, you would not meet the EL Authorization requirements and additional coursework will be required.

<b>Specializations</b>	<b>EED 520</b>	<b>EED 577</b>	<b>EED 577 or SED 525 ESL</b>	<b>SPED 500</b> (taken Fall 2003 or after)	<b>SPED 560, 561D and 565</b>
Mild/Moderate Disabilities	X		X		
Moderate/Severe Disabilities	X	X			
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	X				X
Early Childhood Special Education	X			X	

## Anticipated Questions for Level I

- 1. If I have already submitted my Level I Credential Request Form in Spring 2007, do I need to complete another form?** Candidates who have submitted a Credential Request Form and are in their final semester of coursework will be evaluated for the EL Authorization as part of their credential recommendation process.
- 2. If I have not met all of the Level I EL requirements but already hold a credential/certificate that meets the requirement for an EL authorization (e.g., CLAD emphasis program, CLAD Certificate) what do I need to do?** Please provide a copy of the appropriate document with the EL Request form to the Credential Office for verification and evaluation. This form is available on the College of Education website at: <http://www.csun.edu/Education> .
- 3. Can I apply for an Education Specialist Credential Level I without an EL Authorization?** Yes, if you have completed all credential requirements, you may apply for a credential without an EL Authorization prior to July 1, 2007. After July 1, 2007, Special Education Credential Programs in California can only recommend a preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential with an EL Authorization.

## New Level II (Clear) Requirements

The following courses are now required as part of the program for anyone formally admitted for Fall 2007 and later and must be taken at CSUN.

Specializations	SPED 624	SPED 629
Mild/Moderate Disabilities	X	X (including interns)
Moderate/Severe Disabilities	X	X (including interns)
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	X	
Early Childhood Special Education	X	

### Anticipated Questions for Level II

- 1. I have been formally admitted for Spring 2007 or prior to the Level II Education Specialist Credential Program. Will I need to take the additional coursework for Level II?** No, the additional courses are now required as part of the program for anyone formally admitted for Fall 2007 and later.
- 2. I have been formally admitted for Spring 2007 or prior to the Level II Education Specialist Credential Program. I already have a CLAD Certificate or another document verifying EL competencies (e.g., CLAD emphasis). Will I need to take additional coursework for an EL Authorization?** No, you are already authorized to teach English Learners.
- 3. I have been formally admitted for Spring 2007 or prior to Level II Education Specialist Credential Program. I received a Level I Credential but believe I am eligible for the Level I Credential with an EL Authorization. If I complete the process to add an EL Authorization to my Level I Credential, do I need to take the additional Level II courses?** No.
- 4. I am currently taking Level II courses but have not been admitted to the Level II Education Specialist Credential Program. Do I need to take the additional courses?** Yes, anyone admitted to Level II after Spring 2007 will need to meet the new EL requirements for Level II.

**ENGLISH LEARNER (EL) AUTHORIZATION  
EVALUATION REQUEST FOR LEVEL I EDUCATION SPECIALIST PROGRAMS**

**SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOU FALL INTO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

- You completed the Level I Education Specialist Core Requirements at CSUN prior to Fall 2002 but already hold a credential/certificate documenting EL Authorization (e.g., CLAD Emphasis, CLAD Certificate).
- You transferred the Level I Core Requirements completed Fall 2002 or after from an institution other than CSUN.
- You received a Level I Education Specialist Credential through a program completed at CSUN without EL Authorization but believe you may be eligible for that authorization.

*Prior to submitting, please review your program plan. Compare the courses taken, with the courses listed on the Education Specialist with an English Learner (EL) Authorization Memo. (The memo is attached.)*

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- ❖ Please print clearly and provide all information requested.
- ❖ Sign and date the form.
- ❖ Return the completed form to the Credential Office in person or by mail.
- ❖ A response will be sent to the e-mail address you provide. (Allow 30 days for processing.)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CSUN ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Level I Education Specialist Program (Check one): ECSE \_\_\_\_\_ DHH \_\_\_\_\_ MM \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_

I am in the process of completing my program \_\_\_\_\_. I have already received my Level I credential \_\_\_\_\_.

I hold a CLAD Certificate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I hold a Multiple or Single Subject Credential with CLAD or BCLAD Emphasis: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you hold a CLAD Certificate or a credential with an EL Authorization, please submit a photocopy of the appropriate document along with this form.

***By signing below, I am aware that additional requirements might be needed to obtain the Level I Education Specialist Credential with an English Learner Authorization.***

**Signature of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_