Special Education Credential

Bridge Added Authorizations: PD Pathway
Offered by SCCOE’s Educator Preparation Programs
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Agenda

★ EPP- Introductions
★ Updates to credentials
★ Why bridge?
★ Pathways to bridge
★ EPP solution
★ Q & A
Educator Preparation Programs

- An alternative credentialing agency
- Credentialing programs offered for special education credentials
- Induction programs for all teaching credentials
- Administrative services credentialing program for preliminary and clear credentials
Updated Education Specialist Credential Requirements

- New regulations require all Education Specialist candidates starting a program will meet the new requirements through updated credential programs.
- EPP has updated and changed the original program standards to meet the new standards.
- New standards define teacher assignments by level of student need in addition to disability type.
- Bridge Added Authorizations available to current teachers, but not required by the state.
- New teacher assignment monitoring increases visibility of mis-assignments.
Changes to Credentials

**Previous Credentials**

- Mild Moderate Disabilities (MMD)
- Moderate Severe Disabilities (MSD)
- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

**Current Credentials**

- Mild Moderate Support Needs (MMSN)
- Extensive Support Needs (ESN)
- Early Childhood Special Education (can teach TK/K)
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Why is a Bridge Authorization Important?

- Increases LEAs’ teacher assignment flexibility
- Ensures students are provided instruction by a qualified teacher
- Meets the new monitoring system requirements: California Statewide Assignment Accountability System (CALSAAS)
  - CALPADS sent Misassignment Preview on June 22, 2022
  - Credential information is submitted to CALPADS Fall 2 (Oct 5)
Pathways to Bridge Authorizations

1. Coursework:
   a. Through a commission approved Preliminary Education Specialist Program
   b. Program (such as EPP) will provide completion letter

2. Professional Development:
   a. Offered through Education Specialist Credentialing programs (such as EPP), an LEA, or SELPA
   b. EPP will offer this opportunity starting in early April
   c. EPP will provide completion letter

3. Competency Demonstration:
   a. Employing agency verifies
   b. Verification of content completion
**SELAP**: Special Education Limited Assignment Permit

- Interim option for filling special education teaching positions
- Teachers must hold a special education credential
- LEAs must have the form CL-500 on file with the commission
- Verification of coursework may be required in certain cases
Educator Preparation Programs

EPP Professional Development

- offered fully online modules
- will have asynchronous work which can be completed in just a few hours
- addresses the new TPEs in MMSN, ESN, and ECSE
- is convenient, cost effective, and comprehensive
### Example - MMD to MMSN Pathway

#### MM 2.3 Teacher Performance Expectation

Demonstrate the ability to address functional limitations of movement and/or sensation for students with orthopedic impairments who may have a co-existing health impairment and/or intellectual disability but have difficulty accessing their education due to physical limitations.

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Canvas and EPPSCHOLAR

★ EPPSCHOLAR:
  ○ Application
  ○ Course enrollment by staff
  ○ Online payments ($640)

★ Canvas:
  ○ Course completion
  ○ Online assessment
Next Steps

After completing the PD the educator submits:

1. Application (Form 41-4): paper only, cannot use CTC Online
2. Processing Fee: $100.00
3. EPP verification letter that the applicant has completed the additional content specific to their credential.

CTC Credential Background Documents
Contact Information

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