



Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Dear Dr. Marshall:

Thank you for the resubmission of your Program Assessment Documents for the Preliminary Education Specialist – Mild/Moderate and Moderate Severe programs. You will find an attachment containing the Preliminary Report of Findings from the subsequent review of your document with feedback and the standards' status shown in **green**.

For assistance in understanding what Program Assessment requires, please see Chapter six of the Accreditation Handbook which is posted at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accred-handbook.html>. In addition, the Program Assessment webpage has updated guidance posted at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/program-accred-assessment.html>.

For each program standard, the readers have identified whether the narrative and documentation provided adequate information for the readers to determine whether program standards are preliminarily aligned or if additional information is needed. Reviewers attempted to provide as much guidance as possible on how the program might respond to the request for more information. It is important to note that the Preliminary Report of Findings does not imply that any of the Commission's Program Standards are met. The decision whether each standard is met or not is the responsibility of the site visit team.

The process of Program Assessment allows each program to respond to questions asked by the readers and provide additional information. Review [PSA 10-12](#) for the *required* method of submitting new information by amending your original document. We ask that you not submit additional information outside of the document, as all of the new information and documentation will need to be included in your final document for the site review team. Additionally, please keep in mind resubmissions are emailed out to the readers. Please make every effort possible to send your resubmission in via email. If you are unable to email it to us please mail in two flash drives with the document so they can be mailed out to the readers (keep in mind this second option will delay the turnaround time for feedback from the readers).

You will find the attached Preliminary Report of Findings with each program standard listed. Below each standard is the status the readers have selected at this time. In this first review, the options for standard status are "Preliminarily Aligned" or "More Information Needed." Readers have provided you with specifics in the Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed section. If there is additional information needed, you may submit the

information and readers will review it. If the additional information provided addresses the questions or concern noted, then the standard will be deemed Preliminarily Aligned through the Program Assessment process. The site visit will gather evidence to confirm the preliminary findings from the Program Assessment process.

To facilitate a timely review process, and to keep the information fresh in the readers' minds, you must submit the requested information within the next month. *(If you anticipate it taking longer than one month please provide us with an approximate date of your response.)* This information will be forwarded to the original readers for their review. After the review, you will be notified again whether the additional information was sufficient to respond to all outstanding questions.

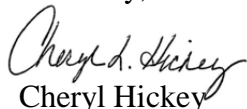
The Committee on Accreditation (COA) will need to receive a report from the Program Assessment readers to configure the site team and to determine whether there are any programs that require an in-depth review during the site visit. The Preliminary Report of Findings for each program will be provided to the institution and shared with the Site Visit team as they prepare for your site visit. It is expected that all Preliminary Reports of Findings will be finalized at least six months before your scheduled site visit. Programs that have not been determined to be preliminarily aligned by readers may end up with an [in-depth site visit review, rather than program sampling](#).

Please return your amended document electronically as a word or PDF document in an e-mail attachment to ProgramAssessment@ctc.ca.gov within four weeks from receipt of the readers' feedback. Please note that we cannot accept email attachments that are zipped or larger than 10MB. **You will receive a confirmation email when your resubmission has been received. If you do not receive a confirmation within 5 business days, then your resubmission has not been received. Please contact us directly at the email above if this happens.**

Please note that some of the information needed to determine that Program Standards are met will be reviewed at the site visit and is indicated as such on the Preliminary Report of Findings form. There is no need to send that information, but have it available at the site visit.

Should you have questions about the information contained in this report, the Program Assessment process, or how to submit additional information, please send an e-mail to ProgramAssessment@ctc.ca.gov and a staff member will respond to you promptly.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Hickey
Administrator of Accreditation

cc: Dr. Paul Beare, Dean

**Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Program Assessment Feedback**

Education Specialist Teaching Credential Programs (2008)

Institution	CSU Fresno
Date of initial review	June 2012
Subsequent dates of review	

General Comments: Readers were unable to locate a program summary, please include. Direct links to relevant syllabi content are very useful – please use throughout. Provide evidence that candidates are prepared to meet the needs of students throughout California, not just the Fresno area. In the instances indicated below the document indicated that standards were aligned, often by simply repeating the standard. Please provide evidence of how they are met with examples and methods of verification.

Education Specialist Program Design Standards (1-16)

*Status	Standard
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	Standard 1: Program Design, Rationale and Coordination <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Provide evidence for the program addressing the full range of service delivery options, including general education. Provide evidence that multiple points of entry are facilitated. Provide evidence that early and continuous advising takes place. Provide evidence that explicit and supported mechanisms for collaboration among all involved in the design, leadership, and ongoing delivery of the program are present. Provide evidence partners provide intensive supervision for interns.
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit: Student teaching handbook, visit/explore partnership sites
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	Standard 2: Professional, Legal and Ethical Practices <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Describe how the Dispositions Evaluation is used in the program to address ethical practices. Describe how the history of special education is addressed? Provide evidence for how legal requirements are addressed. Describe how candidates gain an understanding of appropriate methodology for the development, monitoring, and coordination of the Individualized Education Program (IEP), the Individualized Family Service Program (IFSP), and transition planning for students with mild-moderate disabilities. Describe how candidates learn to promote behavior that is self-regulatory and positive? Describe how candidates demonstrate mastery of evidence-based educational practices in relation to theories and research? Readers were unable to locate the data collection strategies and development of the IEP, so please include.
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information	Standard 3: Educating Diverse Learners <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Readers could not locate the policy

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Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>related to Dispositions. Describe how the program provides knowledge and application of pedagogical theories, development of academic language, and principles/practices for English language usage leading to comprehensive literacy in English. Describe how religion, gender identity/expression, and sexual orientation are addressed in the program.</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>Standard 4: Effective Communication and Collaborative Partnerships <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Describe how multi-tiered intervention strategies and 504 are addressed. Describe how candidates learn to communicate with the business community, and public/non-public agencies. Describe the transitional collaborative project in 137 as it relates to this standard.</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>Standard 5: Assessment of Students <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Describe how candidates demonstrate knowledge of required statewide assessments and local, state, and federal accountability systems.</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
Preliminarily Aligned Preliminarily Aligned	<p>Standard 6: Using Educational and Assistive Technology <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i></p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>Standard 7: Transition and Transitional Planning <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Describe how the assignment in SPED 120: Introduction to Special Education, the School-based Observation and Interview Report/Reflection assignments, addresses transition and transitional planning. Describe how teacher candidates are introduced to assessment instruments and activities in planning, implementation, and evaluation of transitional life experiences for students with disabilities across the lifespan in 130.</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>Standard 8: Participating in ISFP/IEPs and Post-Secondary Transition Planning <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Describe how SPED 145 specifically addresses IEP and IPP planning for transition-age youth in the areas of community-based and vocational goals and supports. Describe how in SPED 136: Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities, through course content and signature assignments, students learn to plan instruction to support access to the core curriculum. Describe how transition and transitional planning are addressed in fieldwork and practicum experiences.</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
More Information Needed	<p>Standard 9: Preparation to Teach Reading/Language Arts <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Provide evidence that research-based instruction is used in the program. Describe how candidates are prepared to address</p>

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Preliminarily Aligned	the English Language Arts Content Standards related to speaking? Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
Preliminarily Aligned	Standard 10: Preparation to Teach English Language Learners <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed More Information Needed	Standard 11 : Typical and Atypical Development <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Provide documentation about how pre-natal to school-age typical and atypical development is addressed. How are classroom activities designed to facilitate student learning, and how are atypical students' learning preferences, assessment of modalities and modality instruction are addressed? How does the credential program focus on the design and delivery of accessible and effective assessment, curriculum, and instruction (including intervention) for students with diverse learning needs? How do 146/147 focus on the development of skills required for candidates to be able to design instructional environments that are appropriate to individual student needs, based on chronological age, developmental differences, and disability-specific needs? How does the intern pre-service component include introductory preparation relative to Standard 11: Typical and Atypical Development in SPED 120 as well as ongoing preparation throughout the program? <i>See general comments above.</i> Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
Preliminarily Aligned	Standard 12: Behavioral, Social, and Environmental Supports for Learning <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	Standard 13: Curriculum and Instruction of Students with Disabilities <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> How does SPED 146: Assessment and Instruction for Students with Moderate-Severe Disabilities covers content areas such as the utilization of UDL to ensure standards-based access for students with moderate-severe disabilities and use of tools such as IEP matrices and participation to articulate how contexts for embedded instruction and individualized student supports? How does the program provide opportunities for candidates to ensure equitable access to the content and experiences found in the state-approved core curriculum? Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	Standard 14: Creating Healthy Learning Environments <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Readers found the first three paragraphs to be unrelated to this standard. Describe how all aspects of this standard are met in the program when workshop content is not assessed. How does the program verify that candidates have completed the CPR certification.

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	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit: CPR certification process, assessment of standard elements and candidate competencies.
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>Standard 15: Field Experiences in a Broad Range of Service Delivery Options <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> How is the continuum of special education services addressed in the field experiences? Describe how experiences in general education, experiences with parents and families, and a broad range of service delivery options are met. Provide evidence that fieldwork culminates in a placement in which the candidate works toward assuming full responsibility for the provision of services in the specific credential authorization and is of sufficient duration for the candidate to demonstrate the teacher performance expectations for special educators.</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>Standard 16: Assessment of Candidate Performance <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Please provide examples of the midterm and final evaluation related to the TPEs, the observation form, as well as the components of the portfolio. How is verification of candidate performance provided by at least one supervising teacher and one institutional supervisor trained to assess the TPEs, with at least one assessor shall hold authorization in the candidate’s credential area?</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit: Verify how university documents that at least one assessor holds authorization in the candidate’s credential area.</p>

Mild/Moderate Disabilities Level I

Status	Standard
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>M/M Standard 1: Characteristics of Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> <u>The standard language does not match current CTC standard.</u> The information provided needs to be tied into identifying characteristics.</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>M/M Standard 2: Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Provide evidence that assessments address developmental, social, communication, career and community life skills. How does the program address state-mandated accountability measures?</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:</p>
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	<p>M/M Standard 3: Planning and Implementing Mild/Moderate Curriculum and Instruction <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> How does the program ensure that evidence-based instructional strategies are used across a variety of environments? How does</p>

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Aligned	the program prepare candidates to create instructional and behavior support partnerships with parents/families? Reference the IEP assignment for meeting “utilize standards-based assessment data to collaboratively develop IEP goals. Provide evidence for how the program provides a knowledge base of strategies and interventions for students who are not responding to the current instructional environment (e.g., RTI).
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed More Information Needed	M/M Standard 4 Positive Behavior Support <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> <u>Standard language does not match current CTC standard.</u> Provide evidence that the program prepares candidates to participate effectively in school wide behavior support processes as well as addressing coercion and punishment. Please align to current standard. Explain not just that program aligns to standard but how the program prepares candidates to meet this standard. When you tell us for instance that “candidates receive training” please explain in greater detail what this training entails.
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
Preliminarily Aligned	M/M Standard 5: Specific Instructional Strategies for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i>
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed More Information Needed	M/M Standard 6: Case Management <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> <u>Unable to review because the incorrect standard and evidence was provided.</u> You have said that the program aligns to standard please explain in greater detail how program aligns to standard.
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
Moderate/Severe Disabilities Level I	
Status	Standard
More Information Needed More Information Needed	M/S Standard 1: Learning Characteristics of Individuals with Moderate/Severe Disabilities <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> How does the program ensure that students understand the disability characteristics specific to the moderate/severe categories? How does the program ensure that candidates can determine the implications of mod/severe characteristics for service delivery? Please address in specific detail disability characteristics specific to m/s.
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed More Information	M/S Standard 2: Communication Skills <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> How do weekly expectations and activities, as well as the implementation of fieldwork requirements that are connected to content of core methods courses and observed by a university supervisor in SPED 172 and 176 facilitate the meeting of this standard? Explain in further detail HOW this happens. Further development and clarification of the explanation in green is needed.

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Needed	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	M/S Standard 3: Developing Social Interaction Skills and Facilitating Social Context <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> This is unclear: “Finally, understanding challenging behavior and the relationship to communication and meaningful relationships is used to being the semester and revisited at the end, as well.”
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
Preliminarily Aligned	M/S Standard 4: Assessment, Program Planning and Instruction <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i>
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed Preliminarily Aligned	M/S Standard 5: Movement, Mobility, Sensory and Specialized Health Care <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> Describe how candidates demonstrate knowledge of and ability to support the movement, mobility, sensory and specialized health care needs required for students to participate fully in classrooms, school, and the community. Describe how the candidate demonstrates knowledge of and ability to use appropriate and safe techniques, procedures, educational technology, and adaptive equipment. Describe how candidates demonstrate knowledge of federal, state, and local policies related to specialized health care in educational settings.
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
Preliminarily Aligned	M/S Standard 6: Positive Behavioral Support <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i>
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed More Information Needed	M/S Standard 7: Transition and Transitional Planning <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> How do candidates demonstrate comprehension of topics covered in the various courses described? Please provide further detail and explanation.
	Evidence to be reviewed at the site visit:
More Information Needed More Information Needed	M/S Standard 8: Augmentative and Alternative Communication <i>Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed:</i> How do candidates demonstrate knowledge specific to the disability categories delineated in the standard? Please provide further detail and explanation.
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