

Multiple Year Assessment Plan
Master of Arts in Education: Concentration in Teaching and Learning
Multiple and Single Subject Clear Credential

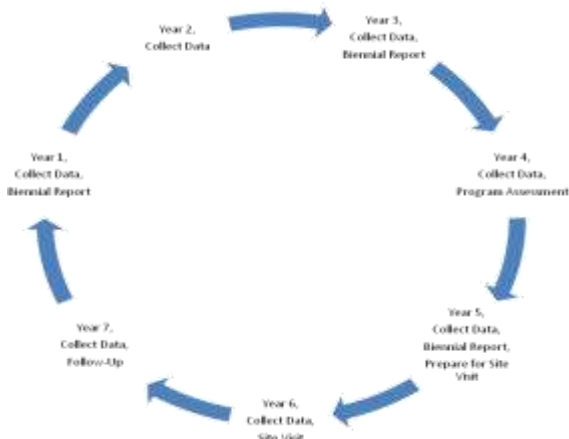
Each year, the California Commission of Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires universities offering credentials to undertake a thorough review of the assessment processes and procedures to ensure program quality and ongoing improvement. The recursive CTC seven year program improvement cycle and accreditation cycle provide the structure for this ongoing, in-depth, internal and external review process.

The following table lists the activities of the accreditation cycle. All data collected are disaggregated by program and regional center and ultimately leads to the development of the CTC required program assessments and biennial reports. Based upon the findings of these CTC studies and reports, the programmatic changes and improvements are implemented to improve candidate performance, program quality, and program operations.

CTC Seven Year Cycle of “Red Cohort” Activities:

Academic Year (AY)	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Cycle Year	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
Accreditation Activity	Institutional Data Collection Program Assessment	Institutional Data Collection Biennial Report	Institutional Data Collection Site Visit	Institutional Data Collection Site Visit follow-up	Institutional Data Collection Biennial Report	Institutional Data Collection	Institutional Data Collection Biennial Report
Due to CTC	Program Assessment Document	Biennial Report (Data for AY 2009-10 and 2010-11)	Preconditions Report (6-12 months in advance of visit) Self Study	7 th Year Follow Up, if applicable	Biennial Report (Data for AY 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14)	Nothing	Biennial Report (Data for AY 2014-2015 and 2015-2016)
Due dates	Oct. 2009 or Jan. 2010	Aug. 2011 or Sept. 2011	2 months before Site Visit	Up to 1 Year after Site Visit, if applicable	Aug. 2014, Sept. 2014, or Oct. 2014	None	Aug. 2016 or Sept. 2016
COA/CTC Feedback What & When	Preliminary findings on each program and all standards by Jan. 2011	-CTC Staff feedback in Aug: 6-8 wks Sept: 6-8 wks	-Accreditation decision made by COA	COA Review of 7 th Year Report, if applicable	-CTC Staff feedback in Aug: 8-10 wks Sept: 10-12 wks Oct: 12-16 wks	None	-CTC Staff feedback in Aug: 8-10 wks Sept: 10-12 wks
Notes							

CTC Accreditation Cycle



Assessment Activities

Methods of Assessment and Criteria for Success Master of Arts in Education: Teaching and Learning Core

Currently, assessment data is collected through internal and external sources. Focus groups representing staff, faculty, clinical supervisors, and advisory councils have worked together to discern a set of balanced assessment measures. They are listed below. Accompanying forms and rubrics are included in the appendix.

1. Coursework Assessments (2008)

Using TaskStream as the primary data storage system, the program collects key assessments known as signature assignments to gauge candidates' progress throughout their course of study and ensure CTC program standards are met. Each signature assignment is evaluated using a supporting rubric. At the end of each academic year, collected data is disaggregated by regional center and analyzed with results informing areas for program improvement. Rubrics may be found in the appendix.

- **Signature Assignment:** In GED 642, Teaching Strategies for English Learners, the signature assignment requires candidates design a one-week ELD or SDAIE unit of study for one of the classes they currently teach. The PLNU lesson plan format is used and includes both ELD and Content standards, as well as language and content objectives appropriate to the level of proficiency of the EL students in their current class. The candidates list the instructional texts, strategies, technology, assessment techniques, and any supplemental teaching materials that are used to help meet the needs of the EL students. A reflection at the end of each lesson describes what successes the students attained, how the lesson impacted student learning and what the candidate would do to improve on their practice in future lessons.
- **Signature Assignment:** In GED673, Reflective Coaching Seminar and Induction, clear credential candidates complete the Plan, Teach, Reflect, and Apply process for Teacher Induction. This formative assessment system utilizes California's Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) materials that serve as resource for candidates and faculty through the process. Candidates, in collaboration with faculty, frame the path for the expanded skills, support application in the classroom, and provide continual reflection for improving practice inquiry and professional growth.
- **Signature Assignment:** In GED 641, School Communities in a Pluralistic Society, candidates report on a particular cultural group present in their school district. They research the values, religious observances/holidays, learning styles, parental role in education, child rearing traditions, most appropriate ways to praise and discipline the children in school, communication styles (verbal and non-verbal) and how to best reach and teach these children. The project includes a reflection section on the most significant learning to the candidate and the application to teaching.
- **Signature Assignment:** In GED 677, Teaching Strategies for Special Populations, candidates build on their knowledge, skills, experiences and strategies acquired during preliminary preparation for teaching students with disabilities, students in the general

education classroom who are at risk and students who are gifted and talented. Each candidate will review and learn application principles for the statutory provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, discuss, and reflect on subsequent changes in the Acts, statutory and/or local provisions relating to the education of students who are gifted and talented. A culminating leadership project reflecting collaboration, differentiation strategies, and student advocacy serves as the signature assignment.

2. Dispositions Assessments (2010)

Candidates will self-assess a minimum of twice during the MATL program:

- Introductory Self-Assessment (GED694, GED641, EDU601, GED641, GED672)
(Students will upload Self-Assessment into TaskStream)
- Final Disposition Assessment by candidates (GED668, GED673, GED689, GED698)
(Students will upload Self-Assessment into TaskStream)

Candidates will also receive assessments from:

- Course professors in the appropriate program/concentration as listed (GED628, GED642, GED673, GED689, GED698)
- Seminar Professor, School Site Mentor, and the University Mentors in the Clear Credential Program (GED673)
- Outside mentor (GED689)

3. Exit Surveys for Program Completers (2009)

Following the completion of the candidate's program of study, each candidate completes an exit survey. The survey probes candidate satisfaction in the area of course content, instructional delivery, learned skills, and overall satisfaction. Collected data is analyzed with results identifying areas for program improvement.

4. Follow-up Surveys (2011)

Follow-up surveys are sent to graduated candidates as well as their employers in the spring following their graduation from the program. Completed survey data is considered confidential Results provide the program with feedback regarding the knowledge, skills and dispositions and overall program satisfaction.