

Master of Arts in Teaching: Multiple Subject
Preliminary Credential
Multiple Year Assessment Plan
2011-12

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 CTS 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
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CTC Accreditation Cycle



Methods of Assessment and Criteria for Success

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. All candidates are expected to be at the “proficient level of performance with a score of “3” or above in each rubric criteria. The assessments are listed below.

1. *California Teacher Performance Assessments*

The California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA) is an assessment of an initial candidate's ability to demonstrate competency of the Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs). CalTPA is required of Multiple Subject and Single Subject candidates. However, the unit has also required TPA's of the Special Education candidates. The CalTPA provides a series of four performance tasks that candidates complete during their professional preparation program. The results of the candidates' knowledge and performance during the various tasks of the CalTPA can help provide formative assessment information to candidates for improving the quality of their teaching, and assists candidates to focus on those aspects of teaching in which they may need further development or support. The CalTPA must be successfully completed as one of the requirements for earning a California preliminary teaching credential from any institution in California.

2. *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. Annually, (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 EDU600, Foundations of Education and Learning Theory, candidates are provided an overview of the laws and principles regarding the roles and

functions of education as well as an overview of the major concepts, theories, and research related to the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional and physical development of children and adolescents. Effective instructional strategies that ensure active and equitable participation of all learners, as well as modifications for diverse learners with exceptionalities, are observed through fieldwork experience.

- **Signature Assignment:** In EDU610, Methods of Teaching Reading and Writing, Multiple Subject and all Special Education candidates demonstrate an understanding of how to incorporate the California Reading Language Arts Content Standards for grades 1-6 and the English Language Development Standard. Candidates complete a case study assignment that helps them reflect on how to meet individual students' needs. A fieldwork component is included.
- **Signature Assignment:** In EDU611, Interdisciplinary Approaches to Teaching in Content Areas, Multiple Subject candidates develop an integrated unit of study based on content standards woven with content knowledge and differentiated strategies for student learning to include technology-based instruction.

3. Dispositions Assessments (2010)

Dispositions of candidates in the Single Subject MAT Program are assessed throughout their program of study in a series of phases with the opportunities for a struggling candidate to be provided coaching through an Improvement Plan:

PHASE I

1. The "introductory course" introduces and defines the 8 dispositions with their class (EDU 600 – Foundations of Education and Learning Theory).
2. Students self-assess on weeks 1 and 8.
3. Professor of "introductory course" assesses every student at end of course.

*If the professor or candidate has a dispositional concern at this point, it is noted in the candidate's file but no recommendation for an Improvement Plan is made due to the lack of significant data.

PHASE II

4. Professors of every subsequent course continue to teach and refer to the dispositions, especially applying them to the course content. (EVERY COURSE)
5. In each of the following courses, candidates self assess at the END of the course: EDU 612, EDU 621, EDU 654. Professor confirms or gives evidence of why they cannot confirm the ratings in any category.
6. Student receives data of ratings so far during Advancement Interview (Advancement Interview Scheduler to provide to interviewers.)

*At any point in this phase a candidate could be recommended to the Improvement Plan process.

PHASE III

7. Final disposition ratings include practitioners in the field at the end of the MAT program during Clinical Practice I and II. Candidates, Seminar instructors, Supervising Faculty and Cooperating Teachers (or equivalent by program) all submit separate disposition ratings.
8. Candidates submit first to the Seminar instructor, and after inputting their own ratings, releases it back for a second score from the Supervising Faculty.
9. Cooperating Teachers give their dispositional ratings on paper.

*At any point in this phase a candidate could be recommended to the Improvement Plan process.

REFERRAL TO THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROCESS

During Phase II or III of the disposition assessment process a candidate, a professor or a professional who works with the candidate can recommend the candidate participate in the “Dispositional Improvement Plan”. The Improvement Plan occurs through a 1-unit course (GED691: Special Studies) and consists of data analysis, goal setting, reflective journaling and behavior transformation. The candidate and his/her advisor analyze the disposition data collected to determine area(s) for dispositional growth and development. The candidate documents the goal area(s), with a specific action plan associated with each goal area. The candidate has the option of meeting weekly with the Graduate Chaplain, or attending the graduate campus bible study, as part of their action plan. The candidate reflects, in writing, on their implementation of the action plan and their progress toward their goals. The candidate has an initial (planning), a mid (monitoring), and a final (summative) meeting with his/her advisor. The final determination of successful completion of the Disposition Improvement Plan Process is made by the Regional Center Faculty Committee (RCFC) via review of the candidate’s completed assignment and completion interview. If the committee determines successful completion, they will submit to the candidate a written reflection of encouragement and support, noting their own perception of the candidate’s growth and development.