This policy statement was recommended by the Academic Senate in its meeting of May 21, 1981, approved by the President on June 10, 1981, and authorized by the California Commission on Teacher Preparation and Licensing on April 14, 1982.

SUBJECT: RESOURCE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE

The Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence is a post-baccalaureate program for teaching professionals who hold a regular teaching credential (elementary or secondary) and a specialist credential (communication handicapped, learning handicapped, physically handicapped, or severely handicapped). The candidate for this certificate must have had three or more years of teaching experience, including assignments with both regular and handicapped students. Student teaching may be counted toward the three-year requirement.

To enroll in the program, the applicant must apply to the Special Education Faculty Committee which will screen all applicants prior to enrollment in Educational Psychology 546B--Practicum in Special Education.

Requirements for the Certificate of Competence:

   Ed.P. 570 -- Role of the Resource Specialist
   Ed.P. 535 -- Counseling and Guidance of the Handicapped
   Ed.P. 546B -- Practicum in Special Education

   Elective(s) up to 3 units, based on determination of competencies in Ed.P. 546B.

   (The evaluation process in Ed.P. 546B is a certification of competencies and determination by the Special Education Faculty of the candidate's skills.)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

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