



PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential Program Admission Requirements Checklist

Before applying to the PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential program, candidates must have completed the following admissions requirements listed below. The PK-3C program will determine whether candidates meet all legal requirements before recommending a candidate for the credential. All documents will need to be uploaded to MyCED for the PK-3 credential program application.

Please complete the checklist below and prepare documents for the program application.

1. Bachelor's Degree or Higher

- Possession of a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. **Note: you will need a copy of your unofficial transcripts from each institution, including CSULB.**

Please list the highest degree obtained.

Degree Major: _____

Degree Institution: _____

Date Awarded: _____

2. Subject Matter Competency (SMC)

The proposed PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction credential preparation program determines that each candidate meets the subject matter requirement prior to being given daily whole class instructional responsibilities in a preschool through third-grade setting.

Subject matter competency may be demonstrated through one of the following options:

- Option 1: Degree

Possession of a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a degree major in any of the following: Child Development, Child and Adolescent Development, Human Development, Early Childhood Education, Child and Family Studies, Early Childhood Studies, Human Development and Family Science, Family Science or Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies. **Applicants whose degree title is different from the following listed does not meet this requirement through option 1 and must meet the SMC requirement through option 2.**

Option 2: 24 units in Child Development and/or Early Childhood Education

Completion of 24 semester units or the equivalent quarter units of non-remedial, degree-applicable coursework at a regionally-accredited institution of higher education in early childhood education and/or child development. **Applicants will need to provide a copy of unofficial transcripts.**

3. Certificate of Clearance

- Must be fingerprinted and hold a valid CTC Certificate of Clearance, Emergency Permit, or other CTC Valid Credential.

CTC Certificate of Clearance: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Have a copy of your certificate of clearance ready to submit for the program application.

4. Valid Negative TB Test

- Submit a negative tuberculosis skin test taken within the last four (4) years or chest X-ray taken within the last eight (8) years. Tuberculosis clearance must be valid through student teaching.

Have your TB test completed and ready to submit for the program application.

5. GPA

- Meet the program grade point average requirement of 2.67 overall or 2.75 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units.

6. Personal Statement

- 1-2 page typed, double-spaced paper. Describe what inspired you to become a teacher of young children. Explain your experience with diverse communities (e.g., non-native English speakers, low-income families, immigrant communities, culturally, ethnically, and young children with special needs) and how that influences your view of teaching. Please provide at least one experience.

7. Candidate Interview

Candidates are required to complete an interview with a program faculty member prior to being admitted to the program. It is suggested that the interview be completed prior to submitting a program application. Please contact PK-3 advisor, Georgina Ramirez, at

Georgina.Ogaz@csulb.edu to sign up for an interview the semester you are planning to submit your program application. **Note: Please schedule an interview after you have applied to the University on Cal State Apply.**

- Scheduled a candidate interview with faculty.

8. Submit a Completed Application to the University

- Complete a submitted application on calstate.edu/apply

For more information on how to apply to the CSULB, please visit the [Applying to CSULB](#) website.