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TO: Education Specialist Credential Students and Graduates

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SUBJECT: English Language Learner Authorization

Due to the Williams court case and subsequent regulatory changes resulting from that judgment, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) now must require all Education Specialist Credential holders to add an English Language Learner (ELL) Authorization, or complete a CLAD or BCLAD program, or take the CTEL exam ([http://www.ctel.nesinc.com/BC\\_about\\_toc.asp](http://www.ctel.nesinc.com/BC_about_toc.asp)).

CLAD or BCLAD is the term for English Language Learner course work used by CCTC for Multiple and Single-subject credentials. CCTC has chosen to use the term, ELL Authorization for Education Specialist Credentials. If you previously have earned a CLAD or BCLAD Authorization through Multiple or Single-Subject credential programs, you already meet this new requirement, but you may need to have the CLAD/BCLAD authorization added to your Education Specialist credential (contact credential office for more information; [credinfo@sfsu.edu](mailto:credinfo@sfsu.edu)).

To acquire the new ELL Authorization through our department you need to complete the additional credential requirements below.

All Preliminary, Level I, Education Specialist Credentials require ONE additional course:

- **Communicative Disorders (CD) 750, English Language Learning & Exceptionality**

All Professional, Level II, Education Specialist Credentials require:

- **30 hours of teaching experience implementing ELL lessons, verified by District Support Provider on Induction Plan Review Record.**

**(IF YOU ALREADY COMPLETED LEVEL I WITHOUT CD750, YOU ALSO NEED TO TAKE THAT CLASS WITH YOUR LEVEL II COURSE WORK.)**

**SPECIFIC RULES:**

**1. Level I or Level II Credentials Issued AFTER July 1, 2003:** If you received your Preliminary, Level I or Professional, Level II, Education Specialist Credential **AFTER July 1, 2003**, you still are required to complete **BOTH ITEMS** listed above (i.e., CD 750 + 30 hours experience), **or** complete a CLAD or BCLAD program or CTEL Test ([http://www.ctel.nesinc.com/BC\\_about\\_toc.asp](http://www.ctel.nesinc.com/BC_about_toc.asp)).

**2. Level I or Level II Credentials Issued BEFORE July 1, 2003:** If you received your Preliminary, Level I or Professional, Level II, Education Specialist Credential **BEFORE July 1, 2003**, your only options are: to complete a CLAD or BCLAD program, or CTEL Test ([http://www.ctel.nesinc.com/BC\\_about\\_toc.asp](http://www.ctel.nesinc.com/BC_about_toc.asp)). You can **not** take our new course and 30 hour, Level II requirement to earn an ELL Authorization.

**3. Level I Credentials Issued Based on OUT-OF-STATE COURSEWORK:** If you received your Preliminary Level I, Education Specialist Credential based on coursework taken from a university **IN A STATE OTHER THAN CALIFORNIA**, your only options are: to complete a CLAD or BCLAD program, or CTEL Test ([http://www.ctel.nesinc.com/BC\\_about\\_toc.asp](http://www.ctel.nesinc.com/BC_about_toc.asp)). You can **not** take our new course and 30 hour, Level II requirement to earn an ELL Authorization.

**4. MULTIPLE OR SINGLE-SUBJECT CREDENTIAL HOLDERS:** If you have a multiple or single-subject credential with CLAD or BCLAD, and you have let that credential **EXPIRE**, you will need to see one of our credential analysts to **RENEW** it in order to meet the ELL authorization.

If you visit our department website ([www.sfsu.edu/~spedcd](http://www.sfsu.edu/~spedcd)), you can download revised course flyers for Level I and II credentials, as well as revised Level II Induction Plans. We try to offer two sections of the new course, CD 750, in fall, spring and summer terms to try and accommodate student demand.