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New PK-3 Early Child Education Specialist Instruction Credential to Address Teacher Shortage



Last month, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's (CTC) Committee on Accreditation approved the first teacher preparation programs to offer the PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential. The CTC's newest teaching credential is intended to increase the ranks of qualified preschool and early childhood educators. As "preschool for all" becomes a reality, California will have a heavy lift to properly staff such programs, especially in light of the shortage of trained teachers. Offerings like this PK-3 early childhood credential should help to support the growing need for properly prepared preschool teachers.

You can read the full article at:

As California continues to expand its free public preschool program to include all 4-year-olds, the state must find a way to staff these classrooms with qualified educators — a difficult task, considering the



statewide teacher shortage. To address this need, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing introduced a new pre-K through third grade credential that could accelerate some teachers' paths to the classroom.

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