CLAD Through CTEL

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a CLAD Certificate Through CTEL? How is it different from CLAD?
The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) has discontinued the acceptance of previously approved coursework leading to the CLAD Certificate. Beginning January 2008, the CLAD Certificate through CTEL coursework program will now authorize instruction for English language development (ELD) and specially designed academic instruction delivered in English (SDAIE) in grades twelve and below, including preschool, and classes organized primarily for adults.

Is the CLAD Certificate a teaching credential?
The CLAD Certificate is an added authorization to an existing California teaching credential.

May I submit my credential application directly to CCTC, similar to the previous CLAD process?
No. Your certificate application must be filed by UCSD Education Extension with our formal recommendation on your behalf. Applications submitted directly by individuals to CCTC without formal recommendation will be returned to them.

What qualifications are required to obtain a CLAD Certificate Through CTEL with university-level coursework?
Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements at the time of application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC):
- Possess a valid California teaching credential
- Admission to a CCTC-approved CLAD Through CTEL program
- Successfully complete coursework in a CCTC-approved program such as the one now offered by UCSD Education Extension

Can I combine coursework taken at institutions other than UCSD Extension to meet the requirements?
University of California (UC) San Diego, Los Angeles, and Riverside Extension consortium (Southern CA) have exactly the same courses and the consortium members have agreed to accept each other's courses. Courses taken at another CTEL-approved institution may possibly be considered on an individual basis.

You should plan on taking the Portfolio course at the campus to which you have been admitted in the CLAD Through CTEL program. Please contact your campus prior to attempting to take the Portfolio class at a campus which you have not been admitted.

How do I apply to the CLAD Through CTEL program?
The online application to the program is available on our website [CLAD Through CTEL program](#) by clicking the “Apply Now” button. Your application must be approved by UCSD Extension prior to enrolling in the courses.
How many courses are there in the program?
Six, including the Orientation, as follows:

- **Orientation** (0 units) – *EDUC 31300*
- **Culture and Inclusion** (4 quarter units) – *EDUC 31217*
- **Language and Language Development** (4 quarter units) – *EDUC 31218*
- **Assessment of English Learners** (3 quarter units) – *EDUC 31219*
- **Foundations and Methods of English Language/Literacy Development and Content Instruction** (6 quarter units) – *EDUC 31220*
- **CTEL Portfolio** (1 quarter unit) – *EDUC 31221*

Must I take the classes in any particular order?
All students must enroll in the Orientation course first. The Orientation has information that will be utilized in your courses throughout the program. It is recommended that you take the other courses in the following order:

- Culture & Inclusion
- Language and Language Development
- Assessment of English Learners
- Foundation & Methods of English Language/Literacy Development & Content Instruction.

Enrollment in the final course, **CTEL Portfolio** - *EDUC 31211*, is restricted to students who have successfully completed all other previous coursework in the program.

Must I take the CLAD Certificate Through CTEL courses for a letter grade?
Yes. Students must successfully complete maintain a 3.0 GPA or better and earn a grade of “C” or better in each course to be formally recommended for the CLAD Certificate to CCTC. A grade of C- or lower is not considered a passing grade for recommendation purposes.

Am I eligible to apply for the CLAD Through CTEL Program if I am not currently a full-time classroom teacher?
Yes, as long as you have a valid California teaching credential.

How do I apply for a CLAD Certificate Through CTEL?
You will receive a CLAD Certificate Through CTEL authorization *Request to Recommend* form during the CTEL Portfolio class. This form contains all of the information and paperwork necessary to obtain a formal recommendation by UCSD Education Extension for your CLAD Certificate (EL Authorization).

What are the costs of the CLAD Through CTEL Program?
Costs include current course fees and a processing fee to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing after you have been recommended. Effective Summer 2012, the application fee and request to recommend fee are no longer required.

Can I transfer units from previously taken CLAD courses?
No. The previous CLAD coursework does not meet the current CLAD Certificate Through CTEL coursework requirements.
May I take a CLAD Through CTEL course(s) for professional growth or personal interest purposes without applying for the certificate?
Yes. All of the individual courses have open enrollment except for the portfolio course, which is restricted to certificate students who have successfully completed all of the other courses and have been admitted to the CLAD Through CTEL program at UCSD Extension.

If I have taken the CTEL test and passed one or two sections, do I still need to take coursework?
Yes, you will still need to take coursework. In order to determine what coursework would be required you must first submit a complete application packet.

Additional contact information for your convenience:

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  •  Monday through Friday between 12:30pm and 4:30pm PST
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