

PERSONNELInterns

University Internship Program

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with a college or university in the development, implementation, and coordination of the university internship program. (Education Code 44452, 44465, 44467)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

The Superintendent or designee may enter into an agreement with a college or university for the employment of competent and qualified college or university staff members to supervise and guide interns as they pursue their district responsibilities. (Education Code 44461)

(cf. 4151/4251 - Employee Compensation)

Before an intern enrolls in any college or university program to renew his/her internship credential, the Superintendent or designee shall counsel the intern and plan a program for the first and subsequent renewals.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

District Internship Program

The Superintendent or designee shall, in consultation with a college or university, develop and implement a professional development plan for district interns. This plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the components described in Education Code 44830.3, including provisions for mandatory preservice training tailored to the grade level or class to be taught, additional instruction during the first year of service when required, and an annual evaluation of the district intern. (Education Code 44830.3)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Each district intern shall be assisted and guided by either of the following: (Education Code 44326, 44830.3)

1. A certificated employee who possesses valid certification at the same level or the same type of credential as the district intern he/she serves, and who is selected through a competitive process adopted by the Governing Board after consultation with the exclusive teacher representative unit

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4138 - Mentor Teachers)

(cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units)

2. Personnel employed by a college or university to supervise student teachers

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that appropriate records are maintained, showing the credit earned by each district intern. (Education Code 44327)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

When a district intern's credential expires, the Superintendent or designee may recommend to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) that the intern's credential be extended for one year. (Education Code 44325)

Early Completion Option

An intern may choose an early completion option leading to a five-year preliminary credential by completing the following requirements: (Education Code 44468)

1. Passing the CTC-approved assessment of knowledge of teaching foundations
2. Passing the CTC-approved Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA)
 - a. The intern shall first pass the assessment of teaching foundations described in item #1 before qualifying to take the TPA.
 - b. The intern may take the TPA only one time as part of the early completion option. An intern who is not successful on the TPA may complete his/her internship program and his/her scores shall be used to provide an individualized professional development plan that emphasizes preparation in areas where additional growth is warranted and waiving preparation in areas where the intern has demonstrated competence. The intern shall be required to retake and pass the TPA at the end of the internship in order to be considered for recommendation to the CTC.
3. For interns pursuing a preliminary multiple subjects credential, passing the reading instruction competence assessment described in Education Code 44283
4. Meeting the requirements for teacher fitness as set forth in Education Code 44339, 44340, and 44341

Alternative Certification Program for Addressing Teacher Shortages

To assist with recruitment of teachers in geographic and subject matter shortage areas, the district shall implement an alternative certification program that encourages persons with work experience and others who already have a bachelor's degree in the field in which they plan to teach to obtain a permanent credential. (Education Code 44382)

The district's alternative certification program shall be operated as a university internship program and/or district internship program under the requirements specified above for the

applicable program. (Education Code 44384)

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