



Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Office of the Executive Director

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Dr. Steve M. Tietjen, Superintendent
Merced County Office of Education
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Dear Dr Tietjen:

I am writing to inform you that at the June 16, 2026 meeting, the Committee on Accreditation, on behalf of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, assigned the status of *Accreditation with Stipulations* to Merced County Office of Education and its credential programs. On the basis of this decision, the institution is authorized to offer the following programs:

Preliminary Multiple Subject Intern Program
Preliminary Educational Specialist Mild/Moderate Support Needs Intern
Preliminary Educational Specialist Extensive Support Needs Intern
Teacher Induction Program
Clear Administrative Services Induction Program

The following stipulations were assigned to the institution:

That within one year of this action, the institution must submit a written report addressing the following:

1. The program must provide evidence that candidates' planned clinical practice experiences offer a developmental and sequential set of activities integrated with coursework. These experiences must extend candidates' learning through application of theory to practice with TK–12 students in California public school classrooms and ensure opportunities to work with diverse student populations reflective of the full range of learners identified in the program standards.
2. The institution must develop, implement, and document a systematic process to evaluate and demonstrate program impact across the unit. This process must include the regular collection, analysis, and use of multiple measures of data to show that candidates are positively impacting teaching and learning outcomes in TK–12 settings. Evidence must clearly demonstrate how these data are used to inform continuous program improvement across all educator and administrator preparation programs.
3. The institution provide evidence for how it has addressed all Commons Standards and program standards that were determined to be met with concerns.

In addition:

- The institution's response to the preconditions is accepted.
- Merced County Office of Education is permitted to propose new credential programs for approval by the Committee on Accreditation.
- Merced County Office of Education continues in its assigned cohort on the schedule of accreditation activities as determined by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Should you or your staff have any questions relating to this action, you may address them to Cheryl Hickey, Administrator of Accreditation, at chickey@ctc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Vixie Sandy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Vixie Sandy, Ed. D.
Executive Director

cc: Stacy Shasky, Director of Human Resources
Holly Crivelli, Senior Coordinator of Credential Programs

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