

Maryjane Rees Center: Speech and Language Clinic

Requirements for the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential with or without the Special Class Authorization (SCA)

- The Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential qualifies the holder to serve as an itinerant Language/Speech Pathologist (Language/Speech Specialist) in California public schools.
- The Master's degree, including CSAD 295I, meets all the academic and practicum requirements for the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential.
- The applicant may also qualify as a teacher of a special day class for students with primary disabilities in the area of speech and language impairment by acquiring the optional Special Class Authorization; this authorization requires completion of CSAD 295D: Special Day Class Internship, passage of the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA), and passage of appropriate California Subject Matter examinations for Teachers (CSET: Multiple Subjects OR a single subject CSET in the areas of art, English, foreign language, mathematics including foundational-level mathematics, music, social science, or science including foundational-level general science and specialized science). Note: For students with undergraduate degrees in the single subject areas listed above, completion of a subject matter program in one areas or an applicable subject matter waiver program may fulfill this subject matter requirement.
- For more information on these examinations, the student is referred to the following websites:
 - RICA: <http://www.rica.nesinc.com/>
 - CSET: <http://www.cset.nesinc.com/>
- Students seeking the Speech Language Pathology Services Credential must not have a criminal record that would preclude issuance of a credential as determined by California state law.
- Public School Internship/Field Experience
 - Students must pass the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST) prior to participating in these field experiences.
- Field Experience Clinical and Clock-Hour Requirements:
 - The Credential requires completion of the minimum 388 clock hours prescribed by the program requirements.
 - 100 of those hours must be earned in a 45-day Itinerant Language, Speech, and Hearing Specialist field experience. The candidate will acquire experience with a variety of speech/language disorders, assessment and intervention techniques, and diverse populations that may range in age from birth to twenty-two.
Examination with a score of 162 or better to apply for the Clear Credential
- Preliminary vs. Clear Credential
 - Upon completion of the master's degree and upon completion of the credential application, applicants receive the preliminary Speech Language Pathology Services Credential.

- Applicants must complete the 36 week, mentored, Required Professional Experience (RPE) or Clinical Fellowship prior to applying for the Clear Speech Pathology Credential.
- Students must pass the ETS Praxis II Speech-Language Pathology Examination with a score of 162 or better to apply for the Clear Credential