

All CSULB credential candidates are required to open a file with the College of Education Credential Center, a Commission on Teacher Credentialing-approved program sponsor, *prior to* student teaching, fieldwork, or their final semester.

**To open your credential file and receive an initial credential evaluation, please follow these steps:**

**Step 1:** Pay \$25 [Credential Evaluation and Services fee](#) (fee is non-refundable)

**Step 2:** Gather the following required documents electronically. Please make sure to title each document clearly with your name, campus ID, and description (e.g. *LastName, FirstName\_CampusID\_Payment Receipt*).

- Credential Evaluation and Services fee payment receipt
- Basic Skills Requirement – for additional information see our [General Requirements page](#). Please provide one of the following:
  - CBEST scores; or
  - Copy of CTC approved alternative-Please order original records. The Credential Center will notify you if we need to see the original. Please keep the original for your records.
- Valid Clear Credential – CTC printout of your valid prerequisite credential showing issuance/expiration dates and English learner authorization, if applicable. Prerequisite credential is defined as the following:
  - California clear or life teaching credential requiring a bachelor’s degree and a program of professional preparation, including student teaching and proof of holding an English learner authorization; or
  - California clear or life Designated Subjects Teaching Credential, provided the holder also possesses a bachelor’s or higher degree from a regionally-accredited college or university and proof of holding an English learner authorization; or
  - Clear or life California Pupil Personnel Services Credential, Teacher Librarian Services Credential, Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential, Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential, or a School Nurse Services Credential, requiring a bachelor’s degree and a program of professional preparation, including field practice or the equivalent. English learner authorization not required.
- Verification of Experience – Before being recommended for your Certificate/Credential, you must submit verification of completing five years of full-time experience. Verification must be an original letter on employer’s letterhead, clearly stating position held with dates of experience, and signed by a Human Resources representative. If the letter was emailed to you, please also provide the email. For additional information, please see Terms and Definitions on CTC Leaflet [CL-574C](#).

**Step 3:** Complete the following form, as well as upload your documents: [Admin Services-Open a Credential Center File](#)

**What happens next?**

Within approximately 30 days of receipt of all needed documents and fee, a credential analyst will email you a credential evaluation. If you still have questions at that time, you may contact the Credential Center for additional information.

**Program Completion and Application:**

Credential application information will be provided during your final semester. Upon completion of all program requirements and items listed on your credential evaluation, you will be eligible to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility. If you have an offer of employment for an administrative position, you will be eligible to apply for a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. An original [CL-777](#) must be on file at the Credential Center.

**Please Note:**

CSULB financial holds must be cleared prior to submitting your application.