

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
- Fingerprint Clearance – printout of valid CTC document showing issuance/expiration dates (e.g. Certificate of Clearance, Emergency Permit, California Credential, etc.)
- 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.

Step 3: Complete the following form, as well as upload your documents:

[SLP-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, including posting of your Master's Degree and all items listed on your credential evaluation, you will be eligible to apply for a 2-year Preliminary Speech Language-Pathology Credential.

Please Note:

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