



TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE

You must obtain a Certificate of Clearance or hold a valid Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) issued document in order to be accepted into a Teaching Credential program. If you already hold a valid CTC issued document, you do not need to apply for a Certificate of Clearance.

To apply for a Certificate of Clearance, please follow these two steps:

Step I: Live Scan Information

1. Go to <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/fee-and-fingerprint.html>
2. Find and click on the live scan form Information 41-LS
 - a. Fill out Section
 - b. Print three copies of the Live Scan 41-LS form. Take these to a location offering Live Scan electronic fingerprint services.
3. Complete your Live Scan service at a Live Scan location. You will be required to pay a processing fee to the Live Scan operator for your prints to be scanned. Retain a copy of the Live Scan form for your records. Click [here](#) to view a listing of Live Scan locations. You may also contact the UC Merced campus police department for an appointment.

UC Merced Department Police Department

5200 N. Lake Road | Merced, CA 95343

Phone: (209) 228-8273

For hours of operation, information, and current fees visit: <http://www.police.ucmerced.edu/programs-services/live-scan>

Step II: Certificate of Clearance Application

Quick Tips instructions regarding the application process can be found at:
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/online-services/pdf/web-app-tips.pdf>

1. Go to <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/submit-online.html>
2. Click on “Submit Your Application Online”
3. Create User ID and Password by clicking on the highlighted area



4. Create/login to your profile on the secure Educator Page by entering your Social Security Number (SSN) and Date of Birth (DOB).

**If this is your first time logging in to the CTC website, you will need to enter your SSN and DOB again

a) Create New Educator and enter your information

b) Click **Next**



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The system will direct you to return to enter User ID and Password

5. Log In and read the Commission in Teacher Credentialing Disclaimer and click next
6. Verify your Personal Information, make necessary changes if needed, and save.
7. Click on Next
8. Under Document Tab, Review the last Section that states: **Apply for a Certificate of Clearance or Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate**
 - a. Click on Create New
9. Using the drop-down arrow under General Application Category select **Certificate of Clearance/Activity Supervisor**
10. Using the drop-down arrow under Document/Authorization Title select **Certificate of Clearance**
11. Scroll down and click **Next**
12. Continue to follow the instructions, answering all Professional Fitness Questions
13. Complete the Oath and Affidavit section
14. Click **Submit Payment**
15. Continue to follow the instructions to pay for your certificate

**For returning users, you will need to enter your User ID and password

To verify that your Certificate of Clearance has been granted:

Once you receive an email from CTC stating that the Certificate of Clearance has been granted, this portion of your program application is complete. You must submit the email with the document number listed with your UC Merced online program application.

Note: If two weeks go by and you have not heard from CTC, you can look up your status on their website:

www.ctc.ca.gov

1. Click on **“Search for an Educator”**
2. Click on **“Secured Search”**
3. Enter your **social and date of birth**, then click **“Search”**
4. When the certificate is granted, you will see it listed under **“Document Title”**
5. If you see the document listed on the CTC website, this portion of your program application is complete. If you do not see your document, please contact CTC regarding steps to take next. CTC staff can be reached at credentials@ctc.ca.gov.