

CTEL: Frequently Asked Questions



What is CTEL?

CTEL stands for California Teachers of English Learners. It's a series of standards set by the CCTC (California Commission on Teacher Credentialing) that California teachers must meet in order to be EL (English Learner) authorized.

What is CLAD?

CLAD stands for Cross-cultural, Language and Academic Development.

CLAD is the original name for the EL Authorization Certificate as designated by the CCTC. CLAD coursework has been replaced by CTEL coursework for the purpose of CLAD certification, effective February 1, 2008.

What is CTEL coursework used for?

The State of California is now requiring that *all* teachers be EL-authorized. The certificate that previously indicated EL certification was the CLAD certificate. CTEL courses are the newly approved courses that are submitted to the Commission for CLAD certification.

Can CLAD courses be transferred toward CLAD certification?

No. CLAD courses are no longer valid. The deadline to complete CLAD coursework was January 31, 2008. There are no exceptions for EL Authorization, and that is a state commission rule. No university may use CLAD coursework for EL authorization as of February 1, 2008.

Does taking the CTEL coursework still require the CTEL exam?

No. Upon completing the courses, you simply submit your official transcript to the Commission for your CLAD certification.

How long does it typically take to complete CTEL coursework?

This coursework is completed in four courses that are each six weeks in length. The University offers flexible scheduling to assist you in completing this coursework even when you are actively teaching. Special sessions during the summer and breaks may also be available.

If someone has EL authorization from several years ago and it was not called the CLAD certificate do they still need this certificate?

No. You are not required to renew or update this certificate.

Can I use student financial aid to assist with tuition?

These courses are recognized as master's degree-level content and do qualify for application of student financial aid, such as student loans. To learn more about student financial aid options, it is recommended that you speak with a University finance representative who can help research your specific situation and recommend potential resources in assisting with tuition.

Are University of Phoenix courses approved by the Commission?

Yes.

Who do I contact to find out more?

California Teachers of English Language (CTEL) coursework and test prep programs are administered through University of Phoenix California Campuses' Center for Professional Development (CPD).

Call 800.211.1690 for more information, and to enroll—today.