



Early Learning for All

How to Check if Your Academic Units Meet Early Learning For All Application Requirements

To join Early Learning For All, your program must meet teaching qualifications as follows:

Minimum Qualifications: FCC Owners

12 ECE units including:

- Child Growth and Development (3 units)
- Intro to Early Childhood Curriculum (3 units)
- Child, Family, and Community (3 units)
- ECE elective for educator providing instruction and supervision to children (3 units)

Minimum Qualifications: Center Director/ Site Supervisor

Option 1:

An Associate Degree which includes 24 ECE units with core courses:

- Child Growth and Development (3 units)
- Intro to Early Childhood Curriculum (3 units)
- Child, Family, and Community (3 units)
- ECE elective for educator providing instruction and supervision to children (3 units)

plus, ECE management/ administration (6 units)

plus, ECE supervision (2 units)

Option 2:

An active California CTC Site Supervisor Permit

Minimum Qualifications: Center Lead Teachers

Option 1:

24 ECE units including core courses:

- Child Growth and Development (3 units)
- Intro to Early Childhood Curriculum (3 units)
- Child, Family, and Community (3 units)
- ECE elective for educator providing instruction and supervision to children (3 units)

plus General Education (16 units)

Option 2:

An active California CTC Teacher Permit

Starting in FY2026-2027 all academic units must come from a regionally accredited California Teacher Credentialing approved institution.

Below is a step-by-step guide on how to check if your units come from a regionally accredited institution approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CA CTC).

Included in this guide:

1. [Checking Regional Accreditation for an Institution in the United States](#)
2. [Checking Commission-approved Foreign Transcript Accreditation](#)

Checking Regional Accreditation for an Institution in the United States

STEP 1: Go to CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CA CTC) Regional Accreditation page: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/what-does-regional-accreditation-mean>

The screenshot shows the website for the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). The page title is "What Does Regional Accreditation Mean?". The navigation menu includes Home, Credential Information, Program Sponsors, Employers, and Educator Misconduct. The main content area explains that the Commission only accepts course work and degrees from regionally accredited institutions. It lists several acceptable regional accrediting bodies with their websites and the states they represent:

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)/Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)**
www.msche.org
States represented by MSA: Washington DC, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Island, and Overseas
- The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) (formerly Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges or NASC)**
www.nwccu.org
States represented by NWCCU: Utah, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, New York, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, and Costa Rica
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC) (formerly North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or NCA)**
www.hlcommission.org
States represented by HLC: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming
- New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) (formerly New England Association of Schools and Colleges or NEASC-CIHE)**
www.necche.org
States represented by NECHE: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Overseas
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC)**
www.sacscoc.org
States represented by SACS-COC: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Latin America
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)**
www.accjc.org
States represented by WASC-JR & SR: California, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Pacific Basin and East Asia
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)**
www.wscuc.org
States represented by WASC-JR & SR: California, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Pacific Basin and East Asia

STEP 2: Scroll down to find the state or states where you completed your coursework and/or earned your degree(s). Please note that a single state may appear under more than one Commission organization; this depends on whether your institution is a college or a university.

For example, California appears under both ACCJC and WSCUC, depending on whether the institution is a college or a university.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)

www.accjc.org

States represented by WASC-JR & SR: California, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, Pacific Basin and East Asia

Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)

www.wscuc.org

States represented by WASC-JR & SR: California, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, Pacific Basin and East Asia

STEP 3: Click on the website of the Commission organization

Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)

www.accjc.org

States represented by WASC-JR & SR: California, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, Pacific Basin and East Asia

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STEP 4: Each website interface may vary, but all provide an “Institutional Directory” or similar resource for conducting a search. Locate the institution at which you completed your coursework or earned your degree.



STEP 5: After identifying your institution, verify that its Accreditation Status is listed as “Accredited.”

Accreditation Status

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Checking Commission-approved Foreign Transcript Accreditation

Step 1: Go to CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CA CTC) Regional Accreditation page: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/what-does-regional-accreditation-mean>

Click on the embedded link 'Commission-approved foreign transcript evaluation agency' or [https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/foreign-transcript-evaluation-\(cl-635\)](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/foreign-transcript-evaluation-(cl-635))



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STEP 2: click on the [Commission Approved Foreign Transcript Evaluating Agencies](#) list

Foreign Transcript Evaluating Agencies

Refer to the [Commission Approved Foreign Transcript Evaluating Agencies](#) list for agencies that have been approved by the Commission to provide evaluation of college or university course work completed at an institution in a country other than the United States.

An agency may submit a written request to the Commission to be added to the list of Commission approved foreign transcript evaluating agencies. An evaluating agency must be a current member of either the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or the Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE). Refer to [Coded 24-06](#) for details.

STEP 3: Verify that your foreign transcript evaluation agency is listed

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Commission Approved Foreign Transcript Evaluating Agencies

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The table below is a list of agencies that have been approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to provide evaluation of college or university course work completed at an institution in a country other than the United States:

Agency	Mailing Address	Phone	Email Address	Website
Academic & Professional International Evaluations, Inc. (APIE)	P.O. Box 5787 Los Alamitos, CA 90721-5787	(562) 594-6468	APIE@email.apie.com	APIE Website
Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc. (ACEI)	P.O. Box 6908 Beverly Hills, CA 90212	(310) 275-3530	acei@acei-global.org	ACEI Website
Academic & Credential Records, Evaluation & Verification Services (ACREVS)	1776 Clear Lake Avenue Milpitas, California 95035-7014 California (Silicon Valley - San Francisco - Bay Area)	(866) 853-4534 Toll Free or (408) 719-0015 Fax: (510) 252-6876	info@acrevs.com	ACREVS Website
Alianza Academic Evaluations (formerly Arizona International Credential Evaluators)	530 East McDowell Rd. Ste 107-626 Phoenix, AZ 85004	(602) 773-1316	contactus@alianzaeval.com	Alianza Website
Center for Applied Research, Evaluation, and Education, Inc.	P.O. Box 18308 Anaheim, CA 92817	(714) 237-9272	info@escaree.com	IESCAREE Website
Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE)	P.O. Box 514070 Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470	(414) 289-3400 Fax: (414) 289-3411	eval@ece.org	ECE Website
Educational Records Evaluation Service (ERES)	2480 Hiborn Road, Suite 108 Fairfield, CA 94534	(866) 411-3737 or (707) 759-2985	edu@eres.com	ERES Website
Foreign Credential Services of America (FCSA)	1910 Justin Lane Austin, TX 78757	(512) 459-4565 Fax: (512) 459-4565	info@foreigncredentialsofamerica.com	FCSA Website
Foreign Credential Services of America West, Monterey, CA (FCSA-WEST)	796 Lighthouse Ave, Suite 140 Monterey, CA 93940	(831) 372-1466 Fax: (831) 372-1441	Email address not available	FCSA Website
Institute of Foreign Credential Services	8 Cedar St, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522	(914) 693-2840 Fax: (914) 231-7782	info@ifcsevals.com	IFCS Website
International Education Evaluations, Inc. (IEE)	7900 Matthews Mnd Hill Rd., Suite 1A Charlotte, NC 28227	(704) 772-0109	Email address not available	IEE Website
International Education Research Foundation, Inc. Credential Evaluation Service (IERF)	P.O. Box 3665 Culver City, CA 90231-3665	(310) 258-9451 Fax: (310) 342-7088	info@ierf.org	IERF Website
Josef Siny & Associates, Inc. International Education Consultants	7101 SW 102 Avenue Miami, FL 33173	(305) 273-1338	info@jsiny.org	JSA Website
Scholero Inc.	23 E. Madison St., Suite 1005 Chicago, IL 60602	(312) 373-0952	support@scholero.com	Scholero Inc. Website
The Evaluation Company (formerly spantrans)	455 Seventh Avenue, Suite 804 New York, NY 10123	(846) 475-2570	docs@evalcompany.com	TCE Website (Application - California - CTO)
Uredo	105 W Plant St., Suite 1 Winter Garden, FL 34787	(407) 865-2733	info@uredo.com	Uredo Website
World Education Services (WES)	P.O. Box 9087 Bowling Green Station New York, NY 10274-0087	(212) 866-6311 Fax: (212) 739-6100	WES Contact Us	WES Website