

FAQs for the English Learner Added Authorization Program

What is the English Learner Added Authorization?

The English Learner Added Authorization authorizes holders to provide:

- English Language Development (ELD), and
- Specially Designed Academic Instruction Delivered in English (SDAIE)

This authorization applies to:

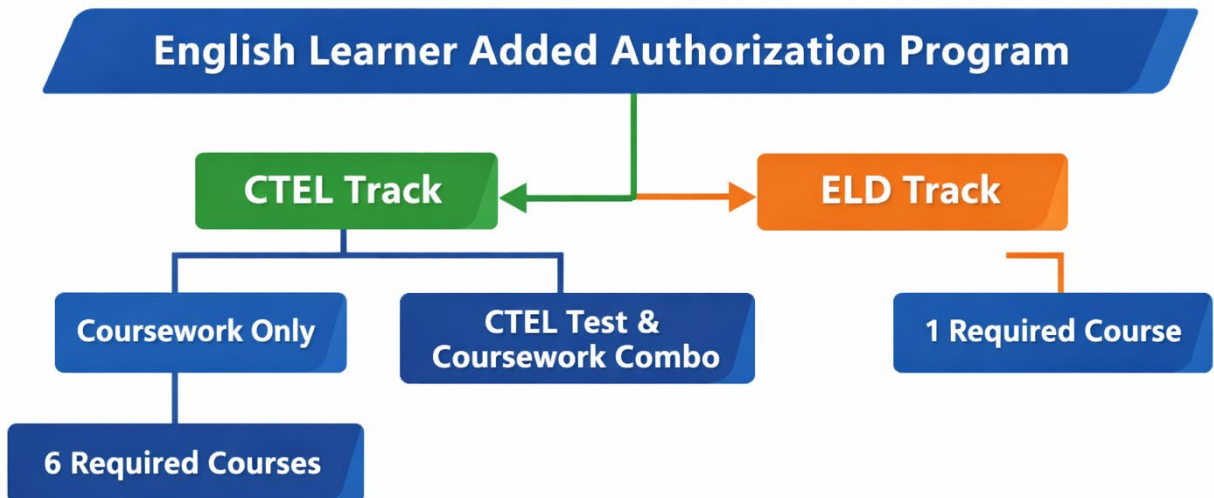
- Preschool through grade 12
- Classes organized primarily for adults

Is the EL Added Authorization a teaching credential?

No. The English Learner certificate is an added authorization that is attached to an existing California teaching credential. It is not a standalone credential.

Are there different ways to earn the English Learner Added Authorization?

UC San Diego Extended Studies offers *two* tracks to earn the EL Added Authorization – CTET Track and ELD Track:



What is the CTET Track (the full program)?

This is for any candidate with a valid California preliminary credential who needs the English Learner Added Authorization.

You can complete a series of six (6) courses and/or CTET exam combinations:

- 18 quarter units of required coursework, OR
- A combination of CTET exam passing scores and approved coursework evaluated by the program sponsor.

What is the ELD Track (a shorter pathway for certain candidates)?

This is a special track within the English Learner Added Authorization program for candidates who already have a partial EL authorization on their teaching credential:

- ELAM (English Learner Authorization Multiple Subject)
- ELAS (English Learner Authorization Single Subject)
- ELAE (English Learner Authorization Education Specialist)

These authorizations are typically embedded in preliminary credentials issued on or after January 1, 2014 and allow candidates to teach ELD in *core or contained* settings but not to deliver standalone departmentalized ELD instruction.

May I submit my credential application directly to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC)?

No. Applications must be submitted by UC San Diego Extended Studies with a formal recommendation on your behalf. Applications submitted directly to the CCTC by individuals without a formal recommendation will be returned.

What qualifications are required to obtain the EL Added Authorization?

At the time of application to CCTC, applicants must:

- Possess a valid California teaching credential
 - Be admitted to a CCTC-approved EL Added Authorization program
 - Successfully complete all required coursework in a CCTC-approved program, such as the program offered by UC San Diego Extended Studies
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Can I combine coursework taken at institutions other than UC San Diego Extended Studies?

UC San Diego, UCLA Extension, and UC Riverside Extension participate in a Southern California consortium that offers identical coursework. Consortium members accept one another's courses. Coursework taken at other CTEL-approved institutions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Important:

Students are expected to complete the Portfolio course at the campus to which they were admitted. Please contact your campus before attempting to take the Portfolio course elsewhere.

How do I apply to the EL Added Authorization program?

Once you have reviewed your credential authorization code and know which track you need to take (CTEL or ELD), you may apply online via our website by selecting the "Apply Now" button on the EL Added Authorization program page. It's highly recommended your application is approved by UC San Diego Extended Studies before enrolling in courses.

How many courses are included in the CTEL Track?

The program consists of six (6) courses, including the orientation:

[EDUC31300 Orientation](#) (0 units)

[EDUC31217 Culture and Inclusion](#) (4 units)

[EDUC31218 Language and Language Development](#) (4 units)

[EDUC31219 Assessment of English Learners](#) (3 units)

[EDUC31220 Foundations and Methods of English Language/Literacy Development and Content Instruction](#) (6 units)

[EDUC31220 Portfolio](#) (1 unit)

Must I take the courses in a specific order?

Yes. All students must begin with the Orientation course, which provides essential information used throughout the program. This is followed by the recommended sequence:

1. Culture and Inclusion
2. Language and Language Development
3. Assessment of English Learners
4. Foundations and Methods of English Language/Literacy Development and Content Instruction

Enrollment in the Portfolio course is restricted to students who have successfully completed all previous coursework in the program and have an approved application on file.

If I passed one or more sections of the CTEL exam, do I still need to complete coursework?

Yes. Coursework is still required. To determine which courses are needed, you must first submit a complete application for review.

What is the ELD course?

The ELD Track consists of one course:

[EDUC40222: Departmentalized English Language Development for K-12](#) (6 units)

Upon successful completion of this single course and program requirements, the candidate is eligible for a formal recommendation to the CTC for the English Learner Added Authorization, just like the CTEL Track.

Must I take the courses for a letter grade?

Yes, to be recommended for the English Learner Added Authorization you must take each course for a letter grade (with the exception of the Orientation course, which requires a Not for Credit (NFC) grading option):

- Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA
 - A grade of "C" or better is required in each course
 - A grade of C- or below is not considered passing for recommendation purposes
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Am I eligible if I am not currently a full-time classroom teacher?

Yes. You may apply as long as you hold a valid California teaching credential.

How do I apply for the EL Added Authorization after completing coursework?

During the Portfolio course (CTEL Track) or Departmentalized ELD for K-12 (ELD Track), you will receive a Request to Recommend form. This form includes all required documentation for UC San Diego Extended Studies to submit a formal recommendation to CCTC on your behalf.

What are the costs associated with the program?

Costs include:

- CTET Track course fees totaling \$2,230 pay as you go (textbooks not included)
 - ELD Track course fees totaling \$735 (textbooks not included)
 - A processing fee payable to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing after recommendation
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May I take individual courses for professional growth or personal interest without applying for the certificate?

Yes. All courses are open for enrollment except the Portfolio, which is restricted to admitted certificate candidates who have completed all prerequisite coursework.

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