

Credentials (California)

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Tool Search: Credentials

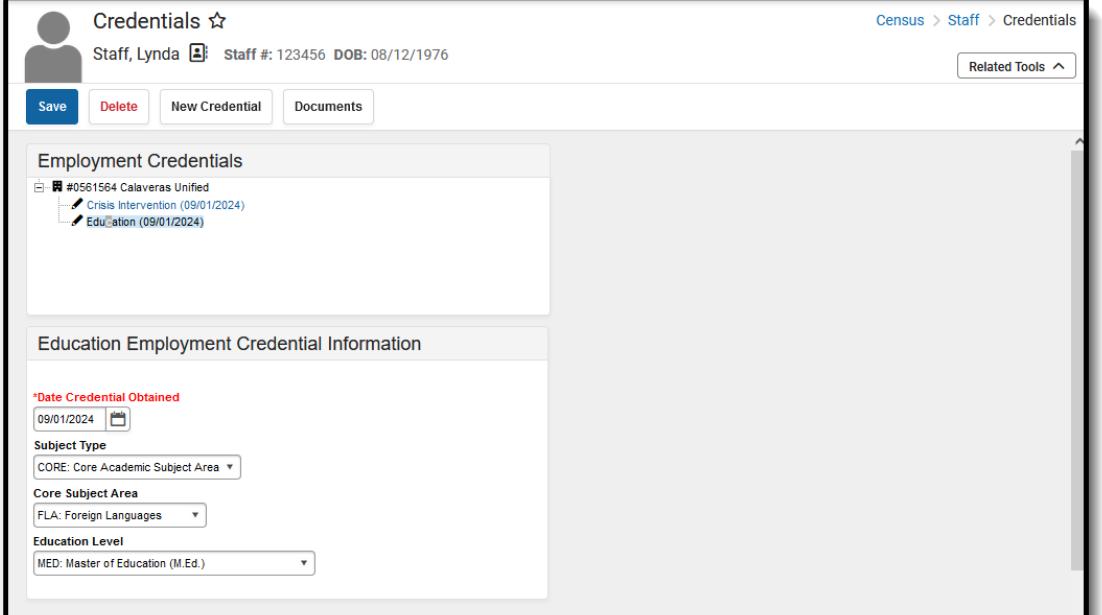
The **Credentials** tab lists the credential types of a staff member. Credentials are based on the date when the credential was earned. There are four types of credentials that can be added for a person:

- [HQ: Highly Qualified](#)
- [ED: Education](#)
- [LC: Licensure/Certification](#)
- [OT: Other](#)

Multiple credentials can be entered for a staff member. The staff member may be highly qualified in two subject areas or may have multiple degrees.

Credentials are optional to use for staff information. However, for detailed accountability reporting, Federal EDEN reporting and NCLB data collection, each staff member should have the proper credentials listed.

See the [Credentials](#) article for guidance on entering credential information.



The screenshot shows the 'Credentials' tool interface for a staff member named Lynda. The top navigation bar includes 'Census > Staff > Credentials' and a 'Related Tools' button. The main content area is titled 'Credentials ☆' and shows 'Employment Credentials' for staff #0561564, Calaveras Unified, with entries for 'Crisis Intervention (09/01/2024)' and 'Education (09/01/2024)'. Below this is a section for 'Education Employment Credential Information' with fields for 'Date Credential Obtained' (09/01/2024), 'Subject Type' (Core Academic Subject Area), 'Core Subject Area' (FLA: Foreign Languages), and 'Education Level' (MED: Master of Education (M.Ed.)). The bottom of the interface is labeled 'Credentials Editor'.

The Credentials tool is used for tracking purposes to determine which courses a staff member may

be able to teach. This tab will aid in the scheduling of teachers and other personnel for subsequent school years.

Different data elements appear on the Credentials editor depending on which credential is being added. The following information summarizes employment credentials by type.

Credential types are chosen from the **New Employment Credential Information** editor, which will display AFTER the **New Credential** icon is selected from the action bar.

Highly Qualified Credentials

State and Federal reports often require the number of highly qualified teachers responsible for teaching students in a district. This number is used in analysis of student performance. This Credential editor includes the **Subject Type** for which the staff person is highly qualified and the **Subject Matter Competency**. The following fields are available when entering a **Highly Qualified Credential**:

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Data Element	Definition
Start Date	Date on which the credential was given to the staff person.
End Date	Date on which the credential expired.
Subject Type	Selection of subject matter for which the staff person is highly qualified. Options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA: Not Applicable • CORE: Core Academic Subject Area • ELEM: Basic Elementary Curriculum • SPED: Special Education Content
Core Subject Area	Selected subject area for which the CORE subject type applies. This field will display only when the Subject Type field is set to CORE.
Met HOUSSE	Indication the staff person passed the HOUSSE exam.
HOUSSE Completion Date	Date on which the staff person passes the HOUSSE exam.
Subject Matter Competency	Selection of competency designation. Options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACC: Advanced Certification or Credential • AMAJ: Academic Major • CEAM: Coursework Equivalent to Academic Major • RSUB: Rigorous Subject Matter Test • VSC: Valid State Competency - When this is selected, a State Competency dropdown list displays, allowing selection of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ C: National Board Certification ◦ G: VPSS Option

Data Element	Definition
Paraprofessional Qualification	Selection of qualifying paraprofessional credential.

Education Credential

The Education Credential is used to track staff person's **Education Level**. The following fields are available when entering an **Education Credential**:

Data Element	Definition
Date Credential Obtained	Date on which the credential was awarded to the staff person.
Subject Type	Selection of subject matter for which the staff person is highly qualified. Options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA: Not Applicable • CORE: Core Academic Subject Area • ELEM: Basic Elementary Curriculum • SPED: Special Education Content
Core Subject Area	Selected subject area for which the CORE subject type applies. This field will display only when the Subject Type field is set to CORE.
Education Level	Indicates the level of education the staff person has received.

Licensure/Certification Credential

The Licensure/Certification Credential tracks the staff person's LEP and Special Education settings. The following fields are available when entering a Licensure/Certification Credential:

Data Element	Definition
Start Date	Date on which the credential was given to the staff person.
End Date	Date on which the credential will or did end.
Fully Certified	Marking this checkbox indicates the staff person is considered to be fully qualified to teach LEP and Special Education courses.

Data Element	Definition
LEP Credential	<p>Selection indicates what type of Limited English Proficiency credential the staff person has acquired. Options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESL: English as a Second Language • SPKOT: Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages • ENGLL: Teachers of English Language Learners • BILI: Bilingual Education • CERT: Certified in content with ESL/BE PD Training • BOTH: Both ESL and BE • ENDS: Endores for ESL, TESOL, TELL or BE
SPED Related Services Credential	<p>Selection indicates what type of Special Education credential the staff person has acquired. Options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUDIO: Audiologists • COUNSELOR: Counselors and Rehabilitation Counselors • INTERPRET: Interpreters • MEDNURSE: Medical/Nursing Service Staff • OCCTHERAP: Occupational Therapists • ORIENTMOBIL: Orientation and Mobility Specialists • PEANDREC: Phys Ed, Recreation, Therapeutic Rec Specialists • PHYSTHERAP: Physical Therapists • PSYCH: Psychologists • SOCIALWORK: Social Workers • SPEECHPATH: Speech-language Pathologists
License Number	Number assigned to the license.
License/Certification Type	<p>Type of License given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REG: Regular/Full • TMP: Temporary • EMG: Emergency • PRO: Provisional

Other Credential

The Other Credential captures **Credit Hours** and the **Credential Number**, in addition to the **Teaching Area** for which the credential applies and the **Credential Type**. The following fields are available when entering an **Other Credential**:

Data Element	Definition
Start Date	Date on which the credential was given to the staff person.
Teaching Area	Subject for which the credential applies.

Data Element	Definition
Credential Type	<p>Selection indicates the type of credential received. Options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01: Full Credential• 02: University Internship• 03: District Internship• 04: Pre-Intern• 05: Emergency Permit (in current assignment)• 06: Waiver (in current assignment)• 07: Multiple-subject/single-subject Ryan credential
Credit Hours	Total number of hours served toward credential achievement.
Credential Number	The assigned number to the credential.