



Credentials Department

Dear NU District Partner/ Site Support Provider,

We have received important updates from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) regarding Literacy and Reading Instruction, the retirement of the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) on June 30, 2025, [PSA 25-03 Update on CalTPA Cycle Submission Options](#) and the new **2025-26 version of the CalTPA**, which includes:

- **Cycle 1: Math**
- **Cycle 2: Literacy** (Available Fall 2025)

[Senate Bill 488 \(Chap. 678, Stats. 2021\)](#) required the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) to update its literacy and reading standards for the preparation of teaching candidates and their corresponding Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs). Additionally, the bill required the Commission to review teacher preparation programs and certify that they are providing instruction in the updated standards and TPEs, as well as to develop a new literacy performance assessment to replace the current Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA). You are familiar with **TPE 7**, the Literacy Standard indicators included in your program, and the required readings and resources provided in coursework and clinical practice experiences. [PSA 24-10](#)

As of May 2025, candidates in need of information to make decisions about the options for meeting the Literacy Assessment requirement following the retirement of the RICA exam on June 30, 2025 are advised to reach out to credsupport@nu.edu , or contact their clinical practice team at any time. The CTC website also offers information and resources you will find helpful: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/literacy-and-reading-instruction>

The NU credentials department will be hosting virtual town halls regarding the retirement of RICA and candidate options, and all candidates have been advised to look for communications for notification of specifics regarding that event. We wish to **thank you for your partnership and guidance** in this transition for all candidates seeking to complete the program requirements and earn recommendation to the CTC for a Preliminary Credential.

With kind regards,

The Sanford College of Education Credential Department Team



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The very best place to ask questions you may have about your program? The LIVE Companion Hour Sessions:

ITL Program Companion Hour – Every third Monday 5 pm

<https://nu.zoom.us/j/97644197172>

Meeting ID: 976 4419 7172

Admin Companion Hour – Every third Tuesday 5 pm

<https://nu.zoom.us/j/92804462090>

Meeting ID: 928 0446 2090

Clinical Practice Companion Hour – Every Third Wednesday For BOTH SED and ITL 5 pm

<https://nu.zoom.us/j/97317713745>

Meeting ID: 973 1771 3745

SED Companion Hour - Every Third Thursday 5 pm

<https://nu.zoom.us/j/92079483148>

Meeting ID: 920 7948 3148