

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is my personal testimony in regards to the amazing program, California Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program, which I am honored to be a part of. To say I have eternal gratitude is an understatement. When beginning my journey I felt confused and isolated. I was not entirely sure how to proceed or what steps to take to become a special education teacher. I knew the bare minimum. I knew I needed a teaching credential and that I needed to pass state exams but I did not know anything else.

I was granted the opportunity to become a part of this organization and I have no words to express the support it has been for me. This program has granted me to an enormous amount of opportunities to learn and to achieve my goals. The team here is amazing. They have made me feel like I have a team of people rooting for me. They are the most supporting and profoundly impactful people who have taught me exactly what I needed to know.

The best proof I can use to attest to this statement is that on June 1st, 2021, after only being in this program for a few months, through their continuous support I have passed all three sections of the CBEST Exam on the first try. I passed my math portion with a score of 37, reading with a score of 47, and writing with a score of 41. I owe the team, their resources, and continuous support my success.

I was terrified of these exams. I did not think I knew how to pass them. I knew I had the ability to do so but I was not sure what resources to use as support and this is what overwhelmed me. Now, with this amazing organization, I plan to pass my CSET next month and the RICA by early fall.

This program has not only provided very needed financial support but advisement. They have provided weekly review sessions, study.com lessons, and practice exams. They have been the foundation to my career and I will never be able to thank them enough for the opportunity they have given me. As a Dreamer, none of this would have been possible to that high school senior accepting her diploma and now I am only months away from being a special education teacher in California.

Sincerely,
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