

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Counseling Faculty
College Evaluations

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SUBJ: Partial Cal-GETC Certification

Effective May 31, 2026, partial Cal-GETC certification is no longer permitted under the Cal-GETC 1.4 Standards. SDCCD no longer processes, posts, or mails partial Cal-GETC certifications. This supersedes the prior practice under which partial Cal-GETC certifications were processed and mailed separately to receiving institutions.

Rationale

The change reflects a single, unified approach to certification across the three public higher-education segments, specifically: (i) the goal of consistent Cal-GETC implementation across segments, (ii) the intersegmental nature of the Cal-GETC Standards themselves, and (iii) the need for intersegmental alignment on implementation updates.

Adoption Authority

Updates to the Cal-GETC Standards are considered adopted once they have been authorized by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) and transmitted to the three segment offices, the UC Office of the President, the CSU Office of the Chancellor, and the CCC Chancellor's Office. [The elimination of partial certification took effect through this process as part of version 1.4.](#)

Operational Impact

On or after May 31, 2026, District Evaluations staff do not initiate or complete partial Cal-GETC certifications. Students who have not completed the full Cal-GETC pattern prior to transfer will satisfy the general education requirements of the receiving institution.

Note:

UC's separate post-transfer allowance for completing a limited number of Cal-GETC courses after transfer, under UC Academic Senate Regulation 479D, is a UC admissions provision and is not a partial certification issued by SDCCD.