California requires that candidates for its Multiple Subject Preliminary credentials pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) in order to receive a preliminary credential. Unlike the CBEST and CSET which should be taken early in your preliminary credential program, the RICA should be taken after you have completed the required credential classes.

The content knowledge necessary to pass the RICA is provided throughout CSULA’s Multiple Subject classes, but especially in EDEL 405, EDEL 415 (or 415S), and EDEL 416 (or 416S).

Test-taking strategies for the RICA are provided to CSULA students through the *RICA Test Taking Strategies Seminar* taught the Saturday before each quarter (except when adjustments need to be made for holidays).

Multiple Subject credential students are required to attend the RICA Seminar to complete EDEL 403, 403B, 404 or 489 (Directed Teaching or Demonstration of Instructional Competencies). Attendance at the RICA Seminar is recommended once you complete EDEL 415 or 415S. It is strongly recommended before EDEL 403, 403B, 404, or 489. It is very strongly recommended before you register to take the RICA.

Students must pre-register to attend the RICA Seminar. Take one registration forms are available in the following locations:

Outside of the Office of Student Services, King Hall D 2078, in a black plastic holder
Outside of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, King Hall C 2097, in metal file drawers
Outside of the Literacy Lab, King Hall C2092 A, in a take-one envelope
Outside of King Hall C 2058, in a take-one envelope

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1 Before September 1998, EDEL 415 (or 415S) and EDEL 416 (or 416S) were known as EDEL 400 (or 400S).