

<u>CTC Staff Review Elements (Please see PSA 24-01 for the full text of these items.)</u>	Element Complete or Incomplete	If Incomplete, rationale for incomplete	Comment
<p>3.3b. Candidate Information – Direct link(s) to location(s) in candidate handbooks or materials explaining the new standards, TPEs, and performance assessment requirements demonstrating that candidates have been provided accurate and timely information about what is required during clinical practice related to foundational skills.</p> <p>Check that candidate materials clearly describe the new literacy standards, TPEs, and performance assessment requirements/clinical practice around foundational skills.</p>	Not Complete	Candidate materials do not contain or do not clearly describe the new literacy standards TPEs and performance assessment requirements/clinical practice around foundational skills.	The TPEs are included in the handbook and there is a footnote about the June 30, 2025 sunset for RICA, but no clear language about the new upcoming requirement for the literacy performance assessment. Please indicate how candidates know of this upcoming requirement. Additionally, it would be useful for the candidates to have more general context about this standard and related TPEs.

Institution Response:

- We developed a concise statement explaining the RICA transition.

RICA Transition Statement

The RICA exam is being retired on June 30, 2025. Teacher candidates who complete all credential requirements before this date are accountable for passing all sections of RICA.

Teacher candidates who **complete their credential requirements after June 30, 2025 are not required to pass RICA. These candidates will instead be accountable to the Literacy TPA Cycle 2 which launches in fall 2025.**

Whether or not RICA is required is not based on when candidates started their credential programs, it is based on when they will finish. Candidates who are required to pass RICA but are unsuccessful at meeting this requirement have options. These candidates may take the Reading Foundations Test or may take the Literacy TPA, Cycle 2.

Candidates required to pass RICA who are not teaching after June 30, 2025 and are, therefore, unable to compile the Literacy TPA materials, will have the option to take the Reading Foundations Test.

[RICA Transition Frequently Asked Questions \(CTC\)](#)

- The [statement was sent](#) to all instructors of our literacy courses, EDUC 425 and EDUC 440. Instructors were asked to share the statement on the course LMS platform, and to add the statement to the course syllabus.
- The [statement was sent](#) to all MS and EDSP candidates.
- The statement was added to the [Program Handbook](#) (page 24 – 25)
 - **RICA**—The RICA exam sunsets June 30, 2025. [RICA Transition Frequently Asked Questions \(CTC\)](#)
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