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### What is ITEP?

ITEP allows undergraduate students to complete a bachelor's degree and a special education teaching credential concurrently. This integrated program in prepares candidates for a career in teaching K-12 students who receive special education services with Mild/Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) or Extensive Support Needs (ESN).

There are two ITEP-Special Education programs available:

- **ISPED**— Liberal Studies bachelor's degree with Special Education credential
- **CSPED**—Child Adolescent and Family Studies bachelor's degree with Special Education credential

### Who is eligible for ITEP?

CSU Bakersfield (CSUB) undergraduate enrolled in Liberal Studies Special Education major or CAFS Special Education major who have a minimum GPA of 2.75 and will have junior year standing at the time of program application.



### Special Education Program Overview

Our exemplary Special Education programs are accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC).

- Individualized education plans with two concentrations to choose from: Mild/Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) or Extensive Support Needs (ESN)
- 49 semester units of credential coursework of which there is general education and special education courses
- Fieldwork required every semester of the program
- An added authorization in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) is available



## Applying to the ITEP program

Students who are interested in applying to the ITEP-Special Education program should inform their academic advisor as soon as possible. Transfer students should inform their advisor by end of their first transfer semester.

All ITEP applicants should attend an information session prior to applying to the program. Dates and times are listed on our website: [Special Education](#) You may also contact our office for this information.

The application and instructions for applying to the ITEP program are available on the forms and application page of our website: [Special Education](#). All application documents must be received by the program deadline.

## Special Education Program Admission Requirements

All the following requirements must be completed/submitted to be considered for program admission:

- Enrolled in approved major: Liberal Studies Special Education or CAFS Special Education
- Minimum GPA of 2.75 in last 60 semester units
- Completed foundation courses: EDSP 4800, EDSP 4100, and EDSP 3268
- Program application: Complete a program application
- Autobiography: 2-4 page essay
- Recommendations: 3 recommendation forms must be submitted on your behalf
- Basic Skills Requirement (BSR): Submit verification of BSR
- Subject Matter Competency (SMC): Submit verification of SMC  
(Applicants may be considered without having fully met SMC but will be unable to finish the program until 100% SMC is met.)
- Tuberculosis (TB): Verification of freedom from TB
- Fingerprint/Background Clearance: Certificate of clearance or another document from the CCTC
- Mandated Reporter Training Certificate: Verification of mandatory reporter training
- Interview: Interviews will be scheduled after a complete application has been received.

## If admitted to the credential program:

- Complete an education plan/road map with your academic advisor
- Purchase professional liability insurance
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA in credential courses. All courses must be passed with a "C" or better.

## Preliminary Credential Application Requirements

To be eligible to apply for your preliminary credential at the end of your credential program, the following requirements must be met:

- Hold a bachelor's degree
- Successfully completed credential coursework
- Basic Skills Requirement met
- Subject Matter Competency met
- Passage of the RICA
- U.S. Constitution requirement met
- Completion of an approved health education course, passed with a "C" or better
- CPR Certification in Infant, Child, and Adult