

# Special Education

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. What credentials and degrees are offered?
  - Mild/Moderate Preliminary and Professional (Clear)
  - Moderate/Severe Preliminary and Professional (Clear)
  - Master of Arts in Education with Special Education Emphasis
  
2. How do I get admitted to the preliminary credential program?
  - Apply and be admitted to CSUB's Graduate Level Program ([www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu))
  - Apply and be admitted to the Special Education Department (link to application)
  - Possession of a posted BA/BS degree
  - Passage of or completed registration for CBEST
  - Passage of appropriate CSET exam or possession of a clear California general education credential
  - Fingerprint clearance
  - See Special Education Department application for additional requirements
  
3. What are the qualifications to be an intern?
  - Admittance to Graduate Level Program at CSUB
  - Admittance to the Special Education Program
  - Submit an application for an Intern Credential to CSUB which includes a signature from a designated school district representative
  - Must have contract or letter of intent to hire from a participating school district
  - Complete a Program Plan with Program Faculty Advisor
  - Passage of CBEST
  - Passage of CSET or possession of a clear California general education credential
  - Overall GPA of 2.67 or higher or 2.75 or higher GPA in the last 90 quarter units
  - Meet the U.S. Constitution requirement
  - Possess a BA/BS from an accredited university or college

4. What are the prerequisite requirements for the preliminary Level I program?
  - Bachelor's Degree
  - Passage or pending registration CBEST
  - Passage of CSET
  - EDEL 240 or EDSE 241 and EDSP 502 (Early Field Experiences)
  - EDSP 501: Advanced Study of Special Populations
  - Designated EDBI courses or approved English Learner Authorization coursework
  
5. How do I get admitted to the professional level credential program?
  - Apply to the Graduate Level Program at CSUB
  - Possess or have applied for a valid preliminary level Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe credential
  - Apply and be admitted to the Special Education Department's Professional Level II program
  - School employment assignment requiring a preliminary special education credential
  - Overall 3.0 GPA (2.75 minimum GPA for Special Admission)
  
6. Other than university coursework, what are the requirements for the Professional Level II program?
  - Completion of an approved health course
  - CTAP Levels I and II or approved equivalent coursework
  - Current CPR certification
  - CLAD, BCLAD, CTEL or approved English Learner Authorization coursework
  
7. How do I get admitted to a Master of Arts program?
  - Application to Graduate Level Program at CSUB
  - Application to the Special Education Department
  - Complete a Program Plan with Program Faculty Advisor
  - Possession of a posted BA/BS degree
  - Overall GPA of 2.67 or higher or 2.75 or higher GPA in the last 90 quarter units
  - Passage of Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) or equivalent

8. How long will it take me to complete the credential programs?

- As our programs do not operate in cohorts, the time to complete the programs varies depending upon the number of classes a candidate wishes to complete each quarter. Holding a California general education credential decreases the number of classes a candidate must take at the preliminary level.
- Generally, non-credentialed candidates take approximately 2 years to complete the preliminary credential.
- Completing the Professional level credential usually takes a year.