

Adding a Full Specialty Area to a Special Education Teaching Credential

The holder of a valid EDUCATION SPECIALIST Teaching Credential may complete a Commission-approved program and add another specialty area to their credential. **Course requirement is dependent upon the level/type of credential held and where you earned your initial credential. CSU Bakersfield offers specialty areas in Mild to Moderate Support Needs and Extensive Support Needs.**

- Holders of a **Level I or Preliminary EDUCATION SPECIALIST Credential** who complete a preliminary program in a new specialty area will be issued a **Preliminary EDUCATION SPECIALIST** Credential in the new specialty area.
- Holders of a **Level II or Clear EDUCATION SPECIALIST Credential** who complete a preliminary program in a new specialty area will be issued a **CLEAR EDUCATION SPECIALIST** Credential in the new specialty area. These individuals will not be required to reverify completion of an Induction Program.

Requirements:

You must be fully admitted to both the university and the program and have met with your advisor to complete a program plan **prior** to enrolling in courses.

- Apply to CSU Bakersfield (<https://www.csub.edu/apply>) within 5 years of receiving the first credential. CSUB students who have not broken enrollment will not be required to reapply. CSUB students who have not taken classes for two or more semesters must reapply.
- Apply to the Special Education Program (http://www.csub.edu/specialed/sped_forms/index.html) within 5 years of receiving the first credential **Refer to the checklist in the application for additional program requirements and application fees.** Current CSUB students must reapply.
 - EDSP 5450: C&I in Mild/Moderate Disabilities/EDSP 5650: C&I for Mild to Moderate Support Needs – or – EDSP 5320: C&I in Moderate/Severe Disabilities/EDSP 5660: C&I for Extensive Support Needs
 - **Passage of CalTPA cycles 1 and 2 (i.e., multiple, single subject, or education specialist) OR** proof of a CLEAR Education Specialist credential
 - 50 hours of successful clinical practice in the new disability being sought (hours must be completed during or within one-year after completion of the EDSP C&I course). Letter must be on school letterhead and signed by the principal. Submit to your ADVISOR for approval.
 - Statement of Knowledge: 2-3 pages of what you learned and observed during 50-hour clinical practice in the new specialty area including your knowledge/competency on curriculum, assessment/evaluation practices, evidence-based practices, and behavior management strategies.

Applying for the new Specialty Disability:

Once you have successfully completed all requirements and your grade has posted to your transcripts, you are ready to apply for the added disability. *You must hold an EL Authorization prior to applying for additional credentials.

Submit all of the following to the box portal link provided on the application.

- Application: <https://csub.box.com/s/co5nlq2iqj6eobx98uinarccz7u1sr0m>
- Letter verifying 50 hours of successful clinical practice in the new disability being sought ~ must be approved by your advisor
- Copy of Statement of Knowledge ~ must be pre-approved by your advisor (include approval letter or email).