Education Specialist Credential

Mild Moderate Support Needs or Extensive Support Needs

The Education Specialist Credential programs are a professional preparation program accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) and Association for Advancing Educator Preparation (AAQEP).

Our programs prepare candidates to teach students with disabilities in a mild/moderate or extensive support needs in a K-12 classroom. Our teacher candidates are provided the tools to create diverse, equitable, and supportive learning environments with an integrative approach to theory and practice.

The program is about 50 semester units with an added authorization for early childhood available for 9 additional units. Program courses begin in the early evenings and are held in a variety of formats.

For more information including a full course listing and teacher residencies, please visit us at: csu.edu/specialed or scan the QR code

Getting Started

Attend or view a mandatory information session:

Application process is three steps:
1. Apply to the university
2. Enroll in prerequisites
3. Apply to the credential program

Step 1 – Apply to the university
Apply as a graduate student at: calstate.edu/apply/graduate
Requirements:
• Bachelor’s degree
• 2.5 GPA or higher required
• Good academic standing from previous university
• Meet professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study
Send your transcripts within 30 days & by deadline

Step 2 – Enroll in prerequisites
Upon receiving university admission, you may register for the prerequisite courses which can be found under Special Education in the class search
EDSP 4800 – Early Field Experience in Diverse Classrooms
EDSP 4100 – Teaching Linguistically and culturally Diverse Students
EDSP 4270 – Establishing Foundation in Special Education

Step 3 – Apply to the program
Applicants should prepare to apply to the program during their prerequisites. Current program deadlines and full instructions are
For applicant checklist, please see reverse.
Applicant Checklist

To be considered for program admission the following requirements must be met. Priority admission consideration is given to applicants meeting 100% of the requirements. Meeting the requirements does not guarantee program admission. For an electronic version, scan QR code.

- Hold a bachelor’s degree or enrolled in an CSUB approved undergraduate program
- Attend an information session: Information Sessions
- Apply as a graduate to the university: calstate.edu/apply/graduate
  - Pay $70.00 nonrefundable application fee
  - GPA of 2.5 or higher required
  - Send one official transcript from every college/university attended. Electronic delivery recommended
    - Send electronic transcripts to: incomingtranscripts@csub.edu
    - Mail transcripts to: CSUB – Office of Graduate Admissions
      9001 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93311
- After university admission complete the Title IX training
- On your registration appointment, enroll in the prerequisite courses listed under Teacher Prep in the class search
  - EDSP 4800, EDSP 4100, EDSP 4270
  - Experienced based waiver available for EDSP 4800:
    How to add classes: Bakersfield campus, AV campus
- Apply to the credential program
  - GPA of 2.75 or higher required
  - Submit a complete application by the program deadline

Please review the Application and Admission Guidelines for complete application instructions and specific details regarding items below. A complete application includes:

- Program application
- $30.00 credential service fee receipt (Instructions)
- Autobiography
- Three recommendations sent into admission advisor (Recommendation Form)
- Verification of subject matter competency (SMC webpage)
- Verification of basic skills requirement (BSR webpage)
- Certificate of clearance or alternative permit
  - Instructions: Bakersfield campus, Kern High, AV campus
- Negative TB results
- Mandated reporter training certificate (School personnel)

All documents except for recommendations are to be merged into one PDF file and uploaded to the submission portal.

- Eligible applicants will be contacted to complete a program interview.
- Applicants will be notified by email regarding their application. If admitted to the credential program, you will receive an admission letter with further instructions and requirements to complete your program.

Contact us:

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