



Special Education: Teaching's best kept secret !!



Welcome!

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Before we begin....



- Please write your questions on sticky notes provided at your table.
- Questions will answered at the end of the presentation.

Why Consider Special Education?



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- **Teach wonderful and interesting kids the way they learn!**
- **Highest demand need in education nationwide !**
 - Teaching positions always available
 - Teach in any grade K- age 22
 - Paid internship available while taking classes
 - Salary, benefits and retirement competitive

Why Consider Special Education ?

- **Variety of career opportunities :**
 - Public, nonpublic, and charter school programs
 - Inclusive settings and co-taught classrooms
 - Resource classrooms
 - Separate classrooms
 - Special schools
 - Clinics
 - Residential facilities
 - Hospitals
 - Agencies



What Is Special Education?



What Is Special Education ?

- **Teaching the way kids learn!**
 - All students can learn.
- **Specialized credential** to provide services to children with one or more of 13 identified disabilities
 - Teach/co-teach a variety of content areas
 - In grades K- age 22
 - In GE, SPED or both settings
 - In Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe



Mild/Moderate Disabilities

- Learning disabilities
- Intellectual disability
- Health impairments
- Emotional disturbance
- Autism
- Speech or language delays



What Could This Look Like?

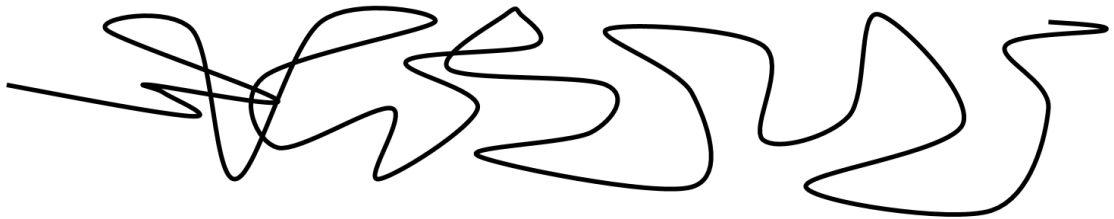
Students may have difficulty:

- Processing new information
- Remembering new information
- Applying new information
- Following directions
- Communicating
- Paying attention
- Getting and staying organized
- Finding important items [keys, homework, etc.]
- Studying
- Making and keeping friendships



Activity

At the signal, trace over the lines below while counting LOUDLY from 2,067 to 3,019.



Moderate/Severe Disabilities

- Complex disabilities which affect learning
 - Autism
 - Intellectual disability
 - Deafness & hard of hearing
 - Visual impairments & blindness
 - Physical impairments
 - Traumatic brain injury



What Could This Look Like?

Students may have difficulty:

- Communicating
- Sensory issues
- Movement issues
- Intellectual challenges
- Remembering new information
- Applying new information



Activity

Close your eyes. Imagine yourself in each scenario.

- You are blind. Find your way to your car tonight using only a cane.
- You cannot communicate verbally. Tell someone what you want to eat for lunch.
- You are paralyzed from the waist down, are in a wheelchair and are at a party. Someone asks you to dance.

Pathway Options



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1. **Education Specialist** credential in Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe disabilities *[grades K-age 22]*
2. **Dual** credentials- Multiple Subject and Education Specialist
3. **"Add on" Education Specialist** credential to a valid CA Single or Multiple Subject credential
4. **Internships**- Begin teaching in own classroom while taking courses
5. **Residencies**- receive stipend while taking classes
6. **Master of Arts** in Special Education

Education Specialist Program

- **3 semester full-time program**
 - Courses offered late afternoons- evenings
 - Student teach or intern in public schools during the day with District Master Teacher and University Coach support
 - May accept **paid internship** in Phase 2 and 3
 - BAP Option
- Includes streamlined **Master of Arts in Special Education** with only 13 more units



Dual Credential Program

- **2 credentials in one integrated program**
 - Multiple Subject Grades TK-8 and
 - Education Specialist grades TK- age 22
 - BAP option
- **4 semester full-time program**
 - Courses offered late afternoons- evenings
 - Student teach or intern in public schools during the day with District Master Teacher and University Coach support



"Add on" Education Specialist Program

- 'Add on' the ES Credential **to a valid CA Multiple or Single Subject** Credential
- **Streamlined program of SPED courses**
 - Courses offered late afternoons- evenings
 - Student teach or intern in public schools during the day with District Master Teacher and University Coach support



Brain Break!

- Please stand
- Imitate the same body positions you will see in this activity
- Have fun!



University Internship Program

- **Hired and paid by school district to teach** in your own classroom while taking credential coursework
- **ES only:** may accept paid internship in Phase 2 and 3
- **Dual:** may accept paid internship in Phases 3 and 4
- **"Add on":** may accept internship immediately



Residencies

- **Fast-track ES or Dual program in Clovis Unified or Fresno Unified**
 - Evening program
 - Student teaching during day in district
 - District provides **\$13,000 stipend** towards tuition
- Guaranteed 3 year teaching position after program completion



Master of Arts in Special Education

- Streamlined **Master of Arts in Special Education**
- **Only 13 extra units** [2 semesters] after completing ES, Dual or 'add on' ES credential program [2 semesters]
 - 5 credential courses double count for both credential and MA coursework
 - Evening program
 - Teach during day

Brain break !

- Pair up.
- One partner quickly reads aloud each color in the rows of words.
- Now switch so the partner can try this.

red	white	green	brown
green	red	brown	white
white	brown	green	red
red	white	green	brown
brown	green	white	red
white	brown	red	green
green	white	brown	red
red	brown	green	white

Summary of Pathway Options

Education Specialist	Dual	'Add on' SS or MS teachers	Internship	Residency	MA in Special Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evening Classes on Campus (4-7 pm and/or 7-10 pm M-TH) ✓ BAP Option [ES and Dual] ✓ 3 -4 semesters ✓ Different clinical placement each semester ✓ Master Teacher + University Coach support 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evening Classes on Campus (4-7 and/or 7-10 M-TH) \$ Hired and paid by district to teach in own classroom during day ✓ District Mentor Teacher + University Coach support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evening classes on Campus \$ Stipends ✓ Different clinical placement each semester on district calendar ✓ District Master Teacher + University Coach support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Only 13 extra units ✓ 2 more semesters while you teach ✓ May begin MA in final phase of credential

Next Steps



Admission Requirements

Degree/GPA	Examinations	Additional Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BA from an accredited university or 90 units towards a blended Liberal Studies degree or integrated program from Fresno State A GPA of 2.67 or higher overall or 2.75 or higher in the last 60 units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Special Consideration Form</i> 	<p>Basic Skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passing score on CBEST or equivalent <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Subject Matter Competency*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passing scores on all 3 Multiple Subject CSETs <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate of a Liberal Studies program with CCTC-approved CSET waiver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Clearance Pre-Program Field Experience (45 hours)* 2 letters of recommendation [forms] Oral Admission Interview & Written Personal Narrative TB Risk Assessment Mandated Reporter Training Certificate Unofficial Transcripts

*Flexible Admissions until August 31, 2021 due to COVID-19. Exams *Required* to Complete Program.

Next Steps

2-3 semesters before desired start:

- ✓ Register for and take **CBEST** examinations
- ✓ Register for and take all **3 Multiple Subject CSETs**
if no CCTC-approved Liberal Studies waiver

Next Steps

1 month before application window opens

- ✓ Collect documentation [test scores; get fingerprinted]
- ✓ Ask for recommendation letters on forms
- ✓ Complete Mandated Reporter training [6 hours]
- ✓ Write personal narrative

When application window opens

- ✓ Schedule your oral interview.
- ✓ Complete all e-application items and submit packet early

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Complete FAFSA form
- Check with Financial Aid to see if eligible for grants, scholarships and loans
- Search online for federal and state-funded grants, scholarships and loan forgiveness

Questions?

