

EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

Course of Study

Preliminary Education Specialist Moderate/Severe Credential [spring start]

Prerequisites

Course	Title	Units	Office Use Only
EHD 50	Introduction to Teaching or waiver	3	
SPED 120	Introduction to Special Education	3	
CI 100	Educational Applications of Technology [may be taken in Phase 1]	3	
EXAMS	Passing scores on CBEST exam or equivalent; and passing scores on Multiple Subject CSETs or approved Liberal Studies waiver.		

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PHASE 1 | 17 units

Course	Title	Units	Office Use Only
LEE 158	Literacy Foundation TK-8	3	
LEE 159	Culturally and Linguistically Sustaining Pedagogy in the TK-8 context	3	
CI 176	Mathematics Instruction and Applied Assessment	3	
SPED 145	Designing Effective Environments for Students with Disabilities	3	
SPED 146	Assessment and Instruction for Students with Moderate/Severe Disabilities	3	
EHD 178	Field Study B [Placement: General Education classroom 3 full days weekly]	2	

Take [RICA exam](#) as often as needed until passed. GPA 3.0 required all phases with no D, F, W, WU or NC grades.

PHASE 2 | 16 units | Internship eligible if requirements met

Course	Title	Units	Office Use Only
LEE 166	Disciplinary Literacies and Integrated Curriculum	3	
SPED 125*	Positive Behavior and Social Supports	3	
SPED 130	Assessing Students with Special Needs	3	
SPED 247*	Advanced Environmental Design & Instruction for Students with Moderate/Severe Disabilities	3	
SPED 172	Initial Practicum in Special Education Moderate/Severe [Placement: M/S setting 3 full days weekly]	3	
EHD 178A	Field Placement Seminar	1	

Re-take [RICA exam](#) as often as needed until passed. GPA 3.0 required all phases with no D, F, W, WU or NC grades.

PHASE 3 | 14 units | Internship eligible if requirements met

Course	Title	Units	Office Use Only
SPED 219*	Effective Communication & Collaborative Partnerships	3	
SPED 233*	Special Educator as Researcher	3	
SPED 176*	Final Practicum in Moderate/Severe Disabilities [Placement: M/S setting 5 full days weekly]	6	
EHD 170A	Field Placement Seminar C	2	

Apply for Preliminary Education Specialist Credential upon successful completion of [1] all coursework with 3.0 GPA with all grades 'C' or higher; [2] passing scores on CBEST or equivalent; [3] passing scores on all three Multiple Subject CSETs or have approved Liberal Studies CSET waiver; [4] passing scores on RICA; [5] passed college level U.S. Constitution course with 'C' grade or higher or passing score on college level US Constitution exam; & [6] valid Certificate of Clearance, TB Risk Assessment and three level CPR certificate

Master of Arts in Special Education [MA courses marked with an asterisk*]

PHASE 4 | 6 units

SPED 235*	Seminar in Program Development and Induction Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Disabilities	3	
SPED 243*	Applications of Research Methods in Special Education	3	

PHASE 5 | 7 units

SPED 236*	Seminar in Advanced and Applied Pedagogy Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Disabilities	3	
SPED 298 or 299	Master of Arts Project or Master of Arts Thesis	4	

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PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ALL CANDIDATES

1. Candidates are encouraged to meet with an advisor or the Credential Program Coordinator when planning their professional preparation program. Candidates requesting to take more than 18 units need prior signed permission from the Credential Program Coordinator.
2. The prerequisite courses, SPED 120 and CI 100, should be completed prior to beginning the professional program. If the candidate chooses to enroll in SPED 120 and/or CI 100 as co-requisites in Phase 1, an additional semester of coursework will be needed to complete the credential program.
3. The professional coursework must be taken in the order of the phases shown, regardless of whether the candidate attends full-time or part-time. All courses in Phase 1 must be completed prior to beginning Phase 2, etc.
4. All credential coursework [EHD, CI, LEE, SPED or approved equivalents] must be taken for a letter grade, except for courses which are only offered as Credit/No Credit grade.
5. An overall GPA of 3.00 must be maintained throughout the credential program with no grade lower than a 'C'. Candidates who earn a 'D', 'F', 'W', 'WU', 'NC' or 'INC' grade in any credential coursework must retake or makeup those courses and pass with a 'C' grade or better. Retaking courses may result in additional semesters to complete the program.
6. Eligibility for final practicum:
 - a. Submit the clinical practice application the semester prior and receive clearance to enroll.
 - b. Completed all previous phases with a 3.00 GPA and no 'D', 'F', 'W', 'WU', 'NC' or 'INC' grades
 - c. Possess a valid Certificate of Clearance and TB Risk Assessment

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- **Eligibility for internship:** (1) Phase 1 coursework passed with a 3.0 GPA and no 'D', 'F', 'W', 'WU', 'NC' or 'INC' grades; (2) passed CBEST or equivalent; [3] passing scores on all three Multiple Subject CSETs or have an approved Liberal Studies waiver; (3) passed a college level U.S. Constitution course with a 'C' grade or higher or passed an approved college level US Constitution exam.
 - Interns must enroll in clinical practice every semester until the preliminary credential is granted.
- **Preliminary Education Specialist Credential application requirements:**
 - Completed all coursework within ten (10) years prior to applying for the preliminary credential with a 3.0 GPA and passing grades of 'C' or higher in all coursework.
 - Achieve passing scores on all required examinations [[CBEST](#) or equivalent; [Multiple Subject CSETs](#) or have an approved Liberal Studies CSET waiver; and [RICA exam](#)] within ten (10) years of the test dates in which the scores were earned.
 - Passed college-level U.S. Constitution course with a 'C' grade or higher or passed an approved college level US Constitution exam.
 - Valid Certificate of Clearance, TB Risk Assessment and CPR certificate for infants, children and adults. The only online CPR training provider we accept is www.cprtoday.com
- To clear the preliminary credential, candidates must complete an Induction Program as advised by the employing district.

I read and understand the above information and requirements.

Signature: _____

Date: _____