

Preliminary Education Specialist Credential Program

Applying To The Special Education Program

Admission to the University does not constitute admission to the Special Education Program; a separate application is required. Application materials to the Special Education Program are available at our information sessions, credential office, and at our website: www.csub.edu/specialed. We strongly recommend that you attend a meeting before taking the required prerequisite courses for the program. Contact our office for meeting dates.

Admission Requirements

- **University Admission:** Apply to CSUB as a post-baccalaureate student. Apply online at <http://calstate.edu/apply/graduate>. Choose type: "Teaching Credential". You will have an option of choosing the Mild/Moderate or Extensive Support Needs credential.
- **Information Session:** Attend a Special Education information session, which is held prior to the semester for which you are applying.
- **GPA:** GPA of 2.75 or higher is required. You may apply for an Exceptional Admit if GPA is below the minimum requirement.
- **Subject Matter Competency Verification:** Visit the SMC webpage for further information (<https://www.csub.edu/credentials/subject-matter-competency-smc.shtml>)
- **Basic Skills Requirement:** As of June 29, 2024, CA SB 153 allows applicants to a teaching credential program to use their bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution as verification of meeting basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- **Prerequisite Course:** Completion of all three prerequisites prior to admittance to the program: EDSP 4800, EDSP 4270, & EDSP 4100.
- **Fingerprint Clearance:** Certificate of Clearance, a valid Emergency or Substitute Permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- **TB Certificate:** Current certificate of freedom from tuberculosis (chest x-ray valid for 2 yrs, skin test valid for 4 yrs).
- **Recommendations:** 3 recommendations from those who know you and your potential for a special education teaching career. The required form is provided in the application packet.
- **Autobiography:** A typed 2-3 page description of your characteristics, interests, and motivation to become a special education teacher.

IMPORTANT: You must submit a COMPLETE application packet to be considered for admittance into the Special Education Credential program.

Additional Items Upon Admission

- **Professional Liability Insurance:** Purchase from Cashiers Office.
- **Mandatory Reporter Training Certificate:** Complete the online training. (educators.mandatedreporterca.com/default.html)
- **Program Plan Requirement:** Before starting coursework, all students must have a signed Program Plan on file. Please complete and submit your Program Plan prior to enrollment in classes.

Prior to applying for Preliminary Credential, you MUST meet all program requirements in addition to:

- Pass the RICA or equivalent
- Pass a U.S. Constitution course or examination
- Pass TPAS
- Pass an approved course in Health Education
- Have current CPR (infant, child, and adult)

Prerequisite Requirements

Before admission to the program, candidates must have completed **EDSP 4800 (3): Early Field Experience in Diverse Classrooms** or waiver. Additionally, all prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admittance to the program.

- EDSP 4270 (3): Establishing Foundations in Special Education
- EDSP 4800 (3): Early Field Experience in Diverse Classrooms
- EDSP 4100 (3): Teaching Linguistically and Culturally Diverse students in SPED

Note. Only the prerequisite courses may be taken prior to admittance to the program.

Required Courses

Candidate must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all credential coursework. A grade lower than a "C" must be repeated.

MMSN and ESN Core Requirements

- EDSP 5610 (3): Characteristics of Students with Mild to ESN
- EDSP 5620 (3): Collaboration and Transition in SPED
- EDSP 5630 (3): Assessment of Students with Mild to ESN
- EDSP 5640 (3): Classroom Management & Positive Behavior Support

General Education Requirements

- EDEL 5100 (4): Literacy Arts for Diverse Learners
- EDEL 5200 (4): Math Methods/Assessment

Mild/Moderate Support Needs (MMSN)

- EDSP 5650 (3): Curriculum and Instruction for Students with MMSN
- EDSP 5800 (3-9): Clinical Practice I
- EDSP 5810: Clinical Practice II
- EDSP 5820 (9): Final Clinical Practice MMSN or
- EDSP 5880 (4-12): Intern Seminar/Supervision
- EDSP 5890 (4): Final Intern Seminar/Supervision
- EDSP 5910 (2): CalTPA Cycle 1
- EDSP 5920 (2): CalTPA Cycle 2

Extensive Support Needs (ESN)

- EDSP 5660 (3): Curriculum and Instruction for Students with ESN
- EDSP 5800 (3-9): Clinical Practice I
- EDSP 5810: Clinical Practice II
- EDSP 5830: Final Clinical Practice ESN
- EDSP 5880 (4-12): Intern Seminar/Supervision
- EDSP 5890 (4): Final Intern Seminar/Supervision
- EDSP 5910 (2): CalTPA Cycle 1
- EDSP 5920 (2): CalTPA Cycle 2

Early Childhood Special Education Added Authorization

- EDSP 5710 (3): Young Children with Disabilities and Their Families
- EDSP 5720 (3): Assessment and Intervention/ Instructional Strategies: Birth through Pre-Kindergarten
- EDSP 5730 (3): Field Experience in Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education





Building Brighter Futures for Children with Special Needs

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The Preliminary Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) and Extensive Support Needs (ESN) Education Specialist Program

The exemplary Special Education programs at CSU Bakersfield are accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). The Preliminary Program prepares candidates for a career in teaching students who have Mild/Moderate or Extensive Support Needs and provides an added authorization program for Early Childhood Special Education.

Program Design

Every candidate's individualized program includes 35 semester units of coursework in general education and in special education across three developmental phases. Candidates choose either the Mild/Moderate or Extensive Support Needs credential program.

Phase I: Foundation and Basic Understanding

Credential candidates study how special education students relate to the entire spectrum of students enrolled in today's classrooms. Candidates at this level develop a basic understanding of: characteristics of students with Mild/Moderate or Extensive Support Needs; research in learning theories and instructional practices; communication and collaboration issues; and issues related to curriculum and instructional adaptation for students with special needs.

Phase II: Skills Development

During the second phase, credential candidates will acquire specific knowledge and skills that will enable the candidate to teach and assess students with special needs and to manage classroom behavior.

Phase III: Culmination and Field Experiences

In the final stage, credential candidates utilize what they have learned and experienced during the first two phases. Through field experiences, candidates will have ample opportunity to demonstrate their competence in assessment, curriculum planning, instruction, and classroom and behavior management strategies. Candidates will share their successes and/or concerns with other candidates and university field experience supervisors in seminars.

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