

Early Childhood - Specialist Credential

DEPARTMENT

MA in Education - Reading/Language Arts Option, M.A.
MA in Early Childhood Education, M.A.
MA in Special Education, M.A.
MA in Education - Multilingual & Multicultural Education Option, M.A.
MN in Urban Civic Education, Minor
CRED in Reading and Literacy Leadership Specialist Credential
CRED in Reading and Literacy Added Authorization Certificate
CRED in Early Childhood - Specialist Credential
CRED in Education Specialist Mild/Moderate - Clear Credential
CRED in Education Specialist Mild/Moderate - Internship Credential
CRED in Education Specialist Mild/Moderate - Preliminary Credential
CRED in Education Specialist Moderate/Severe - Clear Credential
CRED in Education Specialist Moderate/Severe - Internship Credential
CRED in Education Specialist Moderate/Severe - Preliminary Credential
CRED in Multiple Subject - Preliminary - Early Childhood Emphasis, Credential

REQUIREMENTS

Department of Literacy, Early, Bilingual, and Special Education

Requirements

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An Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential may be earned by those who possess an elementary teaching credential (California Multiple Subject, Standard Elementary, or General Elementary Teaching Credential); who complete a commission-approved specialist program, including teaching; and who have two years of teaching experience at two levels of Early Childhood Education at the time the specialist credential is bestowed. The ECE Specialist Credential requires 30 units of postbaccalaureate study. Courses taken in the ECE Specialist Credential Program may be used to meet part or all of the requirements for the master's degree. It is strongly advised that application for the master's degree be completed at the same time as the application for the specialist credential is submitted.

Admission Requirements. In addition to the admission requirements listed in the Graduate Education Program section of this catalog, Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential program applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Be qualified for ECE Master Teaching Permit (B.A./B.S. plus 12 units of ECE or Child Development and 3 units of supervised ECE fieldwork) or hold a valid teaching credential.
2. Provide verification of advisement.

Program Requirements. Under the direction of the graduate adviser, each student prepares and submits an individually designed program within the following framework:

1. Required Early Childhood Education Core Courses:
LEE 235 and 241 (6 units)
2. Select three of the four additional Early Childhood Education Core Courses: LEE 171, 232, 233, 271 (9 units)
3. Electives are selected from fields including early childhood education, special education, education administration, bilingual education, and other fields as determined in consultation with the ECE faculty adviser (15 units)
4. Experience: Two years of successful teaching experience in at least two levels in early childhood education.

Total (30 units)

FACULTY

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.