



SPECIAL EDUCATION CREDENTIAL PROGRAM
2018-2019 Course of Professional Study
Preliminary Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Credential
for Persons Holding a Valid California Multiple Subject Credential

Course	Course Title	Units
Prerequisites		
SPED 120	Introduction to Special Education	3
CI 100	Educational Applications of Technology [may be co-requisite Phase 1]	3
Transcripts reviewed by the Education Specialist Coordinator prior to admission to the program		

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PHASE 1 15-18 units		
LEE 159 [if needed]	Culturally and Linguistically Sustaining Pedagogy in the TK-8 context	3
SPED 125*	Positive Behavior and Social Supports	3
SPED 130	Assessing Students with Special Needs	3
SPED 136	Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities	3
SPED 145	Designing Effective Environments for Students with Disabilities	3
SPED 171	Initial Practicum in Special Education Mild/Moderate [SPED M-F half days]	3
<i>GPA 3.0 required.</i>		
PHASE 2 15 units Internship if eligible** <i>[Internship eligibility: Passed prerequisites, Phase 1 courses & all 3 CSETs or have approved Liberal Studies CSET waiver]</i>		
SPED 219*	Home-School Collaboration/Effective Communication & Collaborative Partnerships	3
SPED 233*	Special Educator as Researcher	3
SPED 246*	Specific Instructional Strategies & Transition Planning Mild/Moderate Disabilities	3
SPED 175*	Final Practicum in Special Education Mild/Moderate [SPED M-F full days]. Application req.	6
<i>Apply for preliminary credential upon successful completion of all coursework, 3.0 GPA & CPR certificate</i>		

Master of Arts in Special Education		
PHASE 3 6 units		
SPED 235*	Seminar in Program Development and Induction Mild/Moderate/Severe Disabilities	3
SPED 243*	Applications of Research Methods in Special Education	3
PHASE 4 7 units		
SPED 236*	Seminar in Advanced and Applied Pedagogy Mild/Moderate/Severe Disabilities	3
SPED 298 or 299	Master of Arts Project or Thesis	4

*Master of Arts in Special Education course **Interns may need to take additional fieldwork [SPED 160F] to complete credential

NOTE: All coursework/fieldwork subject to change to meet CTC requirements



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PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ALL CANDIDATES

1. Candidates are encouraged to meet with an advisor or the coordinator when planning their professional preparation program.
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 required to complete the preliminary 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. For example, all courses in Phase 1 must be completed prior to beginning Phase 2.
4. Credential coursework [EHD, CI, LEE, SPED or approved equivalents] must be taken for a letter grade, except those courses that are only offered for CR/NC.
5. A **3.00 overall GPA** must be maintained throughout the credential coursework, with no grade lower than a 'C'. Candidates who earn a 'D', 'F', 'W', 'WU' or 'NC' grade in any professional coursework must retake those courses. This will result in additional semesters to complete all coursework.
6. Eligibility requirements for enrollment in the final practicum [SPED 175]:
 - a. Completed all prior phases of coursework and fieldwork with a 3.00 GPA. Final phase coursework [SPED 219, SPED 233 and SPED 246] may be taken concurrently with final practicum.
 - b. Met subject matter proficiency through passing scores on all three (3) Multiple Subject CSETs or having an approved Liberal Studies CSET waiver.
 - c. Possess a valid Certificate of Clearance and Medical Clearance. A CPR certificate is recommended.
 - d. Submit fieldwork application in TK-20 and receive clearance to enroll in SPED 175.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Teacher candidates requesting to take more than 18 units must first consult a program advisor or the coordinator and have signed permission from the Special Education Credential Coordinator.
- Eligibility requirements prior to application for the Preliminary Education Specialist credential:
 - Complete all credential coursework and fieldwork with a 3.0 GPA, within ten (10) years prior to applying for your preliminary credential.
 - Complete subject matter proficiency by either passing all Multiple Subject CSETs within ten (10) years of the test dates in which the scores were earned, or by having an approved Liberal Studies waiver within ten (10) years of the date of application.
 - Pass the RICA exam within ten (10) years of the test date in which the passing score was earned.
 - Possess a valid Certificate of Clearance and CPR certificate.
- To clear the preliminary credential, candidates are required to complete an Induction Program as advised by the employing district.

My signature below acknowledges that I understand the above Course of Professional Study information and requirements.

Signature: _____

Date: _____