

Dear Financial Aid Applicant:

Based on recent clarification from the U. S. Department of Education regarding program and student eligibility requirements for a student to receive Title IV aid for enrollment in teacher certification programs, it has been determined that you are not eligible for financial aid based on the program of study that you are pursuing.

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) limits eligibility for receiving financial aid to students if they are enrolled at an eligible institution on at least a half-time basis in a program necessary to receive a professional credential or certificate from a State that is required for employment as an *elementary or secondary school teacher* in that State, even though the institution where the students take the coursework does not award a degree or other educational credential upon the completion of that coursework.

Students are not eligible to receive Title IV aid for enrollment in programs not considered to be teacher certification programs under the HEA, even if completion of the program leads to a State-issued credential or certification that is a requirement for employment in the non-teaching position. Such programs include, but are not limited to programs that prepare students to receive a credential or certificate from a State to become:

- school principals,
- superintendents or other administrators,
- counselors,
- librarians,
- nurses or other health professionals, or
- other types of nonteaching professionals in an elementary or secondary school classroom

You will need to either elect the Installment Payment Plan or pay your registration fees in-full from your own resources to avoid being dropped from your classes. There is an option for an alternative loan. For additional information, please visit our website at [Alternative Loans | Financial Aid and Scholarship Office \(sjsu.edu\)](#)

Any questions, please contact our office at fao@sjsu.edu, via Live Chat, Qless zoom appointment or 408-283-7500.

Sincerely,

Financial Aid & Scholarships