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Orientation: Special Education

Department of Special Education
San Jose State University



Teaching in California

Teacher Preparation: must have a teaching “Credential” to teach in California (not an MA, Ph.D, ...)

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC)



California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

- Issues all teaching Credentials in California
- Standards that need to be met for each Credential
- Seven Education Specialists Credentials in California; SJSU has preparation for three
- <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>



Department of Special Education: 3 Credential Programs:

1. Education Specialist Teaching Credential in Mild to Moderate Disabilities (M/M):

The Education Specialist Instruction Credential: Mild/Moderate Disabilities authorizes the holder to conduct assessments, provide instruction, and special education related services to individuals with a primary disability of specific learning disabilities, mild/moderate intellectual disabilities, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, and autism spectrum disorders within the disability area, in kindergarten, grades 1 through 12, and classes organized primarily for adults in services across the continuum of program options available.



Credential Program

2. Education Specialist Teaching Credential in Moderate to Severe Disabilities (M/S):

The Education Specialist Instruction Credential: Moderate/Severe Disabilities authorizes the holder to conduct assessments, provide instruction, and special education related services to individuals with a primary disability of autism, moderate/severe intellectual disabilities, deaf-blind, emotional disturbance, and multiple disabilities, in kindergarten, grades 1 through 12 to age 22, and classes organized primarily for adults in services across the continuum of program options available.



Credential Program

3. Education Specialist Teaching Credential in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE):

Includes the mild/moderate and moderate/severe disabilities listed above and traumatic brain injury, and authorizes service to children ages birth to pre-kindergarten only.



Autism – Added Authorization Courses and Certificate

- 3 Courses: EDSE 218A, 218B, 218C

Certificate in Theory, Knowledge and Practice about Autism Spectrum Disorders

- Content about Autism is embedded in all credential and MA programs - EDSE 218A



Early Childhood SE Added Authorization

- 24 semester Units
- 7 courses includes the following:
- 6 Three Unit Courses: Edse 104, Edse 108,
Edse 241, Edse 218A, Edse 221, Edse 235A
- 1 Course – 6 units – Edse 154 – Student teaching
– last spring semester – includes 2 placements



Two Pathways to complete the Credential Program

1. Traditional Student (student teach with a Master Teacher)
2. Intern (complete program while teaching fulltime as a Ed Specialist teacher)



Requirements: Intern Option

1. Admission to a SJSU Department of Special Education Credential program
2. Pre-Service courses (classes and/or Intern Institute)
3. Must have a job offer from a district or school that is affiliated with our Intern Program



Roadmaps

See [Roadmaps](#): (M/M, M/S, ECSE for each)

- Preliminary Credential or Preliminary w/ Intern Option
- Preliminary Credential (for candidates with clear single or multiple subject credential)
- Preliminary Credential and Masters of Art Degree



MA Program Requirements- 30 units

- MA Writing Assessment: dates are on the web site:
www.sjsu.edu/specialed
- Statistics Class - Undergrad degree
- GPA of 3.0 to apply
- Certificate of Clearance



MA Program: 10 courses:

4 Research and 6 credential courses

- **EDSE 285: Seminar on Issues Related to Teaching Exceptional Individuals- Fall Semester**
- **EDSE 231: Issues and Research in Special Education- Spring semester following EDSE 285**
- **EDSE 231X: Educational Research: Design and Implementation – Fall semester following EDSE 231**
- **EDSE 220: Research Seminar- Spring semester following EDSE 231X**



Application Process

**Department of Special
Education Web Site:**

<http://www.sjsu.edu/specialed/>

Subject Matter Information - Admission

Education Specialist Mild to Moderate Disabilities and Moderate to Severe Disabilities Credentials:

Multiple Subject CSET: Three sections and elementary education aged students and in some cases, middle school

Single Subject CSET: Art, English, Music, Mathematics, including foundational-level mathematics, foreign language, science, including foundational-level general science or specialize science, social science. Take this if you want to teach high school aged students or in some cases, middle school.

Education Specialist Early Childhood Special Education Credential:

Three child development classes (submit transcript)



US constitution and RICA requirements – At End of Program

- M/M and M/S candidates must complete and pass RICA exam before filing for credential at end of program
- Must pass US constitution exam or course work

See the Credentials office web site for information:

<http://www.sjsu.edu/education/credentials>

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Questions?