

**San José State University
Department of Special Education
EDSE 154**

Practicum and Student Teaching in Special Education

Fall 2016

Instructor:

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Office Hours: Please make an appointment

Class Days/Time: Seminar 1: August ??; 7:00pm- 9:45pm
Seminar 2: TBA
Seminar 3: December 8th; 7:00pm-9:45pm

Prerequisites: All credential courses must be completed; This directed teaching class must be taken in the last semester of the credential program, and can be taken with another class.

Connie L. Lurie College of Education Mission Statement

The mission of the Lurie College of Education is to empower graduates with the skills, knowledge and dispositions that ensure access to excellence and equity in education for every student in our diverse, technologically complex, global community.

Department of Special Education Mission Statement

The Department of Special Education prepares professionals to be effective educators, leaders in the field, and lifelong learners. We accomplish this goal in collaboration with other departments and community partners. Together we promote equity and excellence in our curricula and instruction by infusing evidence based best practices endorsed nationally.

Course Description

Field-based course to measure competency in a special education setting.

Learning Outcomes

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) Program Standards:

Program Standard 3: Educating Diverse Learners

The program provides instruction in understanding and acceptance of differences in culture, cultural heritage, ethnicity, language, age, religion, social economic status, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, and abilities and disabilities of individuals served. In addition, the program provides knowledge and application of pedagogical theories, development of academic language and principles/practices for English language usage leading to comprehensive literacy in English. The program ensures each candidate is able to demonstrate knowledge, skills and abilities to become proficient in implementing evidence based and multifaceted methodologies and strategies necessary in teaching and engaging students with disabilities from diverse populations.

Program Standard 5: Assessment of Students

The program provides opportunities for candidates to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to assess students in a comprehensive manner within the breadth of the credential authorization. Each candidate understands and uses multiple sources of information in order to participate in progress monitoring and in decision making regarding eligibility and services. The program provides candidates with the knowledge and skill to assess students from diverse backgrounds and varying language, communication, and cognitive abilities. The program provides opportunities for using both formal and informal assessments to evaluate students' needs and strengths for the purpose of making accommodations, modifications, instructional decisions and ongoing program improvements. The program provides the opportunities for each candidate to demonstrate the knowledge of required statewide assessments and local, state and federal accountability systems.

Program Standard 10: Preparation to Teach English Language Learners

The program provides candidates opportunities to learn the purposes, goals, and content of the adopted instructional program for the effective teaching and support of English learners; and candidates understand the local and school organizational structures and resources designed to meet English learner students' needs. Candidates learn about state and federal legal requirements for the placement and instruction of English learners, and ethical obligations for teaching English learners. Candidates are provided with multiple, systematic opportunities to demonstrate knowledge and application of pedagogical theories, principles, and practices for (a) English Language Development leading to comprehensive literacy in English; and (b) for the development of academic language, comprehension and knowledge in the subjects of the curriculum, making grade-appropriate or advanced curriculum content comprehensible to English learners.

Program Standard 12: Behavioral, Social, and Environmental Supports for Learning

The program ensures that candidates demonstrate knowledge and the ability to implement

systems that assess, plan, and provide academic and social skill instruction to support positive behavior in all students, including students who present complex social communication, behavioral and emotional needs. The program provides candidates information on laws and regulations as they pertain to promoting behavior that is positive and self-regulatory as well as promoting safe schools.

Program Standard 13: Curriculum and Instruction of Students with Disabilities

The program provides opportunity for candidates to demonstrate the ability to develop, implement, adapt, modify, and evaluate a variety of pedagogical approaches to instruction, including instructional sequences, unit and lesson plans, that provide students with disabilities with equitable access to the content and experiences found in the state-approved core curriculum. Candidates acquire and demonstrate strategies and best practices to develop differentiated lessons and instructional sequences that are appropriate for individuals with diverse strengths and needs in a variety of educational environments. Candidates must be able to apply these skills as they pertain to their specific area of specialization and credential authorizations across age and grade levels. Candidates must be able to co-teach, collaborate, consult and work in instructional teams to enhance curriculum and instruction of students with disabilities.

Program Standard 15: Field Experience in a Broad Range of Service Delivery Options

The program will ensure that candidates have planned experiences and/or interactions with the full range of the service delivery system, the providers of such services, and parents and families, including experiences in general education. The experiences must reflect the full diversity of grades/ages, federal disability categories and the continuum of special education services outlined in the specific credential authorization. The experiences are planned from the beginning of the program to include experiences in general education, experiences with parents and families, and experiences with a broad range of service delivery options leading to an extended culminating placement in which the candidate works toward assuming full responsibility for the provision of services in the specific credential authorization and is of sufficient duration for the candidate to demonstrate the teacher performance expectations for special educators. The culminating placement may be in any school, agency or program as defined in Education Code Sections 56031, 56360, and 56361 for the purpose of providing special education services.

Program Standard 16: Assessment of Candidate Performance

Prior to recommending each candidate for a teaching credential, one or more persons responsible for the program shall determine on the basis of thoroughly documented evidence that each candidate has demonstrated a satisfactory performance on the full range of Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs) as they apply to the subjects and specialties authorized by the credential. During the program, candidates are guided and coached on their performance in relation to the TPEs using formative processes. Verification of candidate performance is provided by at least one supervising teacher and one institutional supervisor trained to assess the TPEs. At least one assessor shall hold authorization in the candidate's credential area. An individual development plan will be

written before the candidate exits the Preliminary Credential Preparation Program and will include recommendations for further study during the candidate's Induction Program.

CCTC Education Specialist Moderate to Severe Disabilities Standards:

M/S Standard 4: Assessment, Program Planning and Instruction

Each candidate demonstrates the ability to utilize person-centered/family-centered planning and strengths based, functional/ecological assessment across classroom and non-classroom contexts to lead to their students' meaningful participation in core, standards based curriculum, life skills curriculum, wellness curriculum, and progress toward IEP goals and objectives. The instructional plans are responsive to the unique needs of the student and requirements of the core curriculum, and are implemented and adjusted systematically to promote maximum learning and academic achievement. Each candidate is able to develop and implement systematic, evidence based instructional strategies to teach skills within school, community and working settings, including assessment sources that integrate alternative statewide assessments, formative assessments, and formal and informal assessment results. Each candidate is able to utilize assessment data from multiple sources to develop effective programs and guide instruction.

Required Texts/Readings

There is not a required text for EDSE 154. The University Supervisor might assign readings available online that will provide content for the situation of the specific student.

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Completion of EDSE 154 results in credit (CR) or No-Credit rather than a letter grade. Credit is earned if the following requirements are met for the course:

- **Participation in all seminars** (see dates above). A University Supervisor will make an appointment to visit you in your work or placement and will meet with you to discuss the observations throughout the semester. You must be available for these observations and meetings (advanced notice should be given to the supervisor if there is an emergency and you will not be in school).
- **Successful teaching and learning experiences.** This is your opportunity to demonstrate the application of all that you learned (you demonstrate that you met the standards) in the credential program. You will be evaluated on the Directed Teaching Evaluation and must receive at least 60% or 36 points to earn credit. Your Principal (or district evaluator, or Master Teacher) will also evaluate you on

the Directed Teaching Evaluation. At the end of EDSE 154, if you are successful in this course and receive credit, you will be recommended for the Education Specialist credential.

- **Dispositions Evaluation.** Your University Supervisor will complete a Dispositions Evaluation about you (see department web site about policies)
- **Develop a Teaching Portfolio.** Reflect on your teaching practice; label 16 dividers to match the colored section pages distributed in the first seminar. Follow the prompts on these pages to write reflections about your work as a teacher over this semester and insert the reflections behind the appropriate tab. The University Supervisor will review the portfolio during each visit and give feedback to you. The completed portfolio is due during the last seminar of the semester. The University Supervisor will read and give points for each section of the Portfolio at the end of the semester; you will need 80% on the Portfolio rubric. Please label the spine of the binder with your name!!
- **Program Evaluation.** Evaluate the credential program online through a Qualtrics Survey at the end of the semester. A link for the survey will be emailed to you.
- **Supervisor Evaluation.**

NOTE that [University policy F69-24](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-24.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-24.pdf> states that “Students should attend all meetings of their classes, not only because they are responsible for material discussed therein, but because active participation is frequently essential to insure maximum benefit for all members of the class. Attendance per se shall not be used as a criterion for grading.”

Grading

You will receive credit for this class if you meet the following:

- Meet with your University Supervisor over the semester and receive ratings of at least 36 points out of 60 or 60% on the Directed Teaching Evaluation Form from the University Supervisor
- Receive at least 80% of the points on the teaching Portfolio
- Complete and submit the required surveys

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' Syllabus Information web page at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>