

Education Specialist Program Description

Preliminary Level 1 Intern Program

Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Disabilities
As of Fall 2007

Basic Program and Structure

The Education Specialist Credentials for Mild/Moderate (M/M) and Moderate/Severe (M/S) Disabilities are basic credentials that do not require a general education credential as a prerequisite. The Level I Education Specialist Credential in either M/M or M/S Disabilities consists of 3 units of prerequisites, 8-9 units in general teacher education, 16 units in special education, and 8-12 units of field experience support. Interns interested in pursuing both education specialist credentials should consult with their advisor to determine if their intern position satisfies field experience requirements for both credentials. If approved, the additional 4-unit credential-specific course must be taken toward the second credential authorization.

Upon completion of the requirements for the Preliminary Level I Program, candidates apply for either a Certificate of Eligibility or a Preliminary Level I Credential. (Employment as a special education teacher is required in order to apply for the Preliminary Level I Credential.) Within 2–5 years of obtaining a special education teaching position with the Level I Preliminary Education Specialist Credential, the requirements must be met for the Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential.

California and University Education Specialist Credential Requirements

****Requirements Possibly Met if a California Teaching Credential is Held (not an emergency or substitute permit):***

Candidates for the Education Specialist Credential who already hold a California teaching credential (not an emergency or substitute permit) may have already met the requirements marked by the asterisk (*) on pages 1 & 2. Please contact the Credentials Office at 707-664-2509 or 707-664-3141 for confirmation if you think you may have already met these requirements.

▶ * Basic Skills Requirement

There are currently two options available for Education Specialist Level 1 candidates to meet the Basic Skills Requirement. ES 1 candidates planning on taking the CSET: Multiple Subjects exam to meet subject matter competency may take the CSET: Multiple Subjects (3 subtests) **plus** Writing section in order to meet the basic skills requirement. All other candidates must take the CBEST exam. Please submit ONE of the following with your application:

- Copy of your passing scores for CBEST OR printout of CBEST registration; visit www.cbest.nesinc.com for details
- Copy of your passing scores for CSET: Multiple Subjects (3 subtests) **plus** Writing Section
OR verification of enrollment for CSET: Multiple Subjects (3 subtests) **plus** Writing Section; visit www.cset.nesinc.com for details

▶ * Subject Matter Competency - Candidates must provide verification that they have met subject matter competency by providing a copy of one of the items listed below with their application to the program (see reverse for more details):

- subject matter waiver program completion letter in a subject area
- passing score report for subject matter exam(s) in a subject area

▶ BA or BS Degree – *required prior to admission*

▶ 120 Hours of Pre-Program Field Experience – *required prior to admission*

▶ * Certificate of Clearance (or copy of previous CA credential) – *file with application to the program*

▶ Negative T.B. / Chest X-ray results – *file with application to the credential program*

▶ * Course or exam in U.S. Constitution– *required prior to admission*

▶ * Reading Instruction Competency Assessment (RICA) – *complete prior to award of the credential*

▶ Cumulative 3.0 grade point average upon completion of all program courses:

- Individual course passing grade is a “C” or better – *includes prerequisites and program coursework*

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Course Requirements

* Prerequisites (3 Semester Units):

EDUC 417 (3) School and Society **OR** LIBS 312 (3) Schools in American Society

* General Teacher Education Coursework (8-9 Semester Units; choose ONE of the following two options):

Multiple Subject Option (9 semester units):

EDMS 411 (3) Teaching Second Language Learners

EDMS 463 (3) Teaching Reading & Language Arts in Elementary School (includes a field work component)

EDMS 47 (3) Mathematics in the Elementary School

Single Subject – Secondary Option (8 semester units):

EDSS 442 (4) Middle/Secondary Teaching in Multicultural Settings

EDSS 446 (4) Language & Literacy Across the Curriculum: Middle & Secondary Schools

Common Core for Education Specialists (12 semester units):

EDSP 422 (4) Collaborative Partnerships and Special Education

EDSP 423 (4) Assessment, Curriculum, and Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities

EDSP 424 (4) Classroom Ecology: Management, Discipline, and Behavioral Supports

Credential-Specific Curriculum (4 semester units):

Mild/Moderate Disabilities

EDSP 425 (4) Developing Academic Performance of Students with M/M Disabilities

Moderate/Severe Disabilities

EDSP 428 (4) Pro Seminar: Topics in the Education of Students with M/S Disabilities

Field Work (8-12 Units)

EDSP 481 (4) Intern Seminar

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Important Notes...

Subject Matter Competence for Education Specialist Credential Candidates:

Candidates meeting subject matter competence for the Education Specialist Credential through examination must pass the COMPLETE SERIES of CSET exams in one subject area. For example, candidates can take and pass the CSET: English (4 subtests) OR CSET: Multiple Subjects (3 subtests) to meet subject matter competence for the Education Specialist Credential.

Candidates holding a California teaching credential (not an emergency or substitute credential) may have already met subject matter competency.

For questions regarding this requirement, please contact the Credentials Office at 707-664-2509 or 707-664-3141.