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Department Overview

The Department of Educational Leadership and Special Education exists to provide state-of-the-art professional preparation for educators in the fields of educational administration and special education. The core values of the department center upon a dedication to educational excellence as a pivotal contributor to social progress. Indices of this notion of excellence include a view of schools as a crucible for an effective democracy, societal inclusivity, respect for differences in students, and an unflinching concentration on educational efficacy.

The faculty is comprised of teachers, administrators, scholars, researchers, and program developers who possess wide and varied experience. The faculty, having won wide recognition and numerous educational awards and honors, are dedicated to preparing educators with the knowledge, skills, and ethical commitment to improve society through powerful and effective schools.

The credential and M.A. programs, described below, offer a full complement of courses and fieldwork for students to achieve Level I and Level II (known as PASC I and II in the case of educational administration) credentialing, as well as master of arts degrees. Both traditional and intern programs exist. Courses are scheduled in the late afternoon, evenings, on Saturdays, and some are partially delivered online, in order to accommodate practicing educators.

Students in the Department of Educational Leadership and Special Education may expect to encounter programs that present cutting-edge information and skills, delivered by an expert, committed faculty, and scheduled for maximum access. Moreover, students can expect to be afforded respect, dignity, and professionally courte-

ous treatment and be asked to provide similar regard to faculty and to one another.

Note: Since some specific program requirements change periodically, both via mandates of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and University-based modifications, prospective students are advised to consult the School of Education's Credential Office for updates on program details and policy statements and to visit the education website at www.sonoma.edu/education.

Programs Offered

BASIC TEACHING CREDENTIALS

Education Specialist (special education) Intern, Level I and Level II: Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe Disabilities

SERVICE CREDENTIALS

Administrative Services - Preliminary, Intern, and Professional

MASTER'S DEGREE (M.A.) PROGRAMS

Educational Leadership
Special Education

Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.)
Educational Leadership (jointly with UC Davis).
For information call 707-664-4051.

The Education Specialist (special education) credentials, preliminary Level I and professional Level II, are offered in the area of mild/moderate and moderate/severe disabilities and authorize the holder to provide services in K-12 inclusion programs, resource specialist program classes (RSP), special day classes (SDC), or other related fields, including work with adults with disabilities. At the completion of the educational specialist credential programs, candidates will have met the requirements to teach students who are English learners.

The Administrative Service Credentials, Preliminary Administrative Services (PASC I), and Professional Administrative Services (PASC II) prepare graduates for positions of leadership in K-12 educational institutions. PASC II is offered alternate years on an as-needed basis.

M.A. in education programs are designed with both full-time and part-time students in mind. Some master's degree programs may be taken concurrently with advanced credential programs. Note: Program requirements change periodically, and current information may not be available in this catalog. For more detailed information on credentials and other education programs, please see the University's special bulletins and the School of Education's current program brochures and policy statements or visit the education website www.sonoma.edu/education.

Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential in Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe Disabilities

A Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential Program is offered in the areas of mild/moderate (M/M) disabilities and moderate/severe (M/S) disabilities, authorizing the provision of services to individuals in grades K-12 in inclusion programs, resource specialist program (RSP) settings, special day class (SDC), and working with adults. The credential in M/M disabilities authorizes the teaching of individuals with specific learning disabilities, mental retardation, other health impairment, and serious emotional disturbance. The credential in M/S disabilities authorizes the teaching of individuals with autism, mental retardation, deaf-blindness, serious emotional disturbance, and multiple disabilities.

A multiple subject or single subject credential is not required as a prerequisite for admission to a credential program in special education. The Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential Program in M/M disabilities and in M/S disabilities includes specified course work in multiple or single subject teacher education for those Education Specialist Credential candidates who do not hold a multiple subject or single subject credential.

Successful completion of the Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential Program in mild/moderate disabilities or in moderate/severe disabilities will allow the candidate to receive a preliminary Certificate of Eligibility, which authorizes the individual to seek initial employment as a special educator. On securing a special education teaching position, the candidate is eligible to receive a Preliminary Level I Credential that is valid for five years. The Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential holder must complete a Professional Level II preparation in special education within five years of the date of issuance of the Preliminary Level I Credential.

Prerequisites

EDUC 417 School and Society	or	
LBS 312 Schools in American Society		3
Total prerequisite units		3

Multiple/Single Subject Teacher Education Requirements

(Choose one of the following two options):

Multiple Subjects - Elementary Option

EDMS 411 Teaching Second Language Learners	3
EDMS 474 Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
EDMS 463 Teaching Reading and Language Arts in Elementary School (includes a fieldwork component)	3
—OR—	

Single Subject - Secondary Option

EDSS 442 Middle/Secondary Teaching in Multicultural Settings	4	
EDSS 446 Language and Literacy Across the Curriculum: Middle and Secondary Schools (includes a fieldwork component)	4	
Total general teacher education units		8-9

Special Education Requirements

(Must complete common core plus M/M or M/S credential course work)

Common Core For Education Specialists

EDSP 422 Collaborative Partnerships and Special Education	4
EDSP 423 Assessment, Curriculum, and Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities	4
EDSP 424 Classroom Ecology: Management, Discipline, and Behavioral Supports	4

Early Field Experience

EDSP 464A Participant Observation	2
EDSP 464A Participant Observation Seminar	2

Credential-Specific Curriculum

Mild/Moderate Disabilities

EDSP 425 Developing Academic Performance of Students with M/M Disabilities	4
EDSP 465 Student Teaching Practicum M/M	10
and EDSP 466 Student Teaching Seminar M/M	2
or EDSP 481 Intern Practicum/Seminar M/M	8-12

Moderate/Severe Disabilities

EDSP 428 Pro Seminar: Topics in the Education of Students with M/S Disabilities	4
EDSP 467 Student Teaching Practicum M/S	10
and EDSP 468 Student Teaching Seminar M/S	2
or EDSP 481 Intern Practicum/Seminar M/S	8-12

Total Level I Special Education units **32**

Total units for the Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential in Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe Disabilities **43-44**

Level I Portfolio

All Level I Education Specialist credential students are required to develop and maintain a professional portfolio in the Level I program. This portfolio is based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and will include professional writing samples and a record of the students' reflections on the impact of their study on their professional practice.

Educational Specialist Intern Program

The Education Specialist Intern Program at Sonoma State University is a partnership with the North Coast Beginning Teacher Program (NCBTP), a state approved university-based program. This program allows the intern to complete the requirements for an Education Specialist Level Preliminary (ES-1) credential concurrent with their first year or two in a paid special education teaching position. The program includes coursework at the university, university supervision in the K-12 classroom, a district support provider, and special support seminars provided by NCBTP. Completion of an internship program results in the same credential as is earned through the traditional teacher preparation program.

To qualify for an internship program, an individual must be formally admitted to the university and the ES-1 program, possess a bach-

elor's degree and satisfy the U.S. Constitution requirement, have a job offer as a special education teacher, and successfully complete the Intern Application Evaluation which includes approval from the Special Education Program faculty and the School of Education Credential Analyst. The Intern Application Evaluation form verifies that these requirements have been met and is available online at <http://www.sonoma.edu/education/programs.html#esinternship> or in the School of Education.

Interns are bound by the same program requirements, policies and procedures as all ES-1 candidates except for the student teaching requirement. Instead of student teaching in the final semester of the program, which is typical in the ES-1 credential program, interns are provided with university supervision in their K-12 classrooms throughout their internship, typically ranging between two and three semesters. Supervision includes candidates attending the intern seminar (EDSP 481) where they meet with their supervisor and other interns to discuss their classrooms while bridging theory and practice, gathering suggestions and support, and discussing topics that are applicable to their current teaching situations.

Because of the increased responsibilities that an internship demands, interns are not allowed to take more than 12 units each semester. This sometimes alters an ES-1 candidate's original program plan, delaying completion of the credential program by one or two semesters. The intern credential is valid for up to two years, provided the intern continues to be enrolled in university classes and employed as a special education teacher. It is important that the intern completes both the university course work and all statutory requirements before the intern credential expires. Interns who do not hold a previous multiple or single subject credential must also pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) as part of their statutory requirements.

Pre-Service Requirements

These requirements may be met through a previous multiple subject or single subject credential or through the following coursework:

Classroom Management and Planning

EDSP 464 A&B or previous multiple or single subject credential

Communication Skills including Reading

EDSP 422 or EDMS 411 or EDSS 446 or previous multiple or single subject credential

Specialty Specific Pedagogy

EDSP 422 or previous multiple or single subject credential including a special education class

Developmentally-Appropriate Teaching Practices

EDSP 422 or previous multiple or single subject credential

Teaching English Language Learners

EDMS 411 or EDSS 446 or multiple or single subject credential with authorization to teach English learners

Employment Verification

Employment must be verified by a letter of employment, on official letterhead from the employing school or district, verifying the date employment began, the type of assignment and location, and whether it is a full time or part time position (if it is part time the letter needs to specify the percentage of time you will be working).

Intern Application Interview

The Intern Coordinator conducts the intern application interview. The interview evaluates the candidate's academic achievement, progress, professional dispositions and responsibilities.

Please note: eligibility and admissions requirements to the Intern Program are subject to change. Please contact the Intern Advisor for current eligibility and admissions requirements.

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) adopted a two-level credential structure to respond to the changing needs in the field of special education. Candidates interested in obtaining a Special Education Teaching Credential must complete both the Preliminary Level I and the Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential programs. The School of Education offers both levels of the Education Specialist credentials in mild/moderate disabilities and in moderate/severe disabilities.

Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential in Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe Disabilities

A Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential program is offered in the areas of mild/moderate (M/M) and moderate/severe (M/S) disabilities. Following receipt of the Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential, all candidates must complete Professional Level II preparation in special education within five years of issuance of the Preliminary Level I Credential. A major focus of the Professional Level II program is to provide a mechanism for the successful induction of a new professional. The emphasis of the professional development program is to move the special educator beyond the functional aspects of teaching to more advanced knowledge and reflective thinking about his or her role in providing effective instruction and an environment for student success.

As soon as possible, but no later than 120 calendar days of service with the Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential, the beginning teacher, employer, and member of the SSU School of Education faculty in the program area of special education collaboratively design a Professional Induction Plan. The Level II induction plan addresses each beginning teacher's assessed needs and outlines specific goals and activities for facilitating professional development. The candidate must enroll in an approved program for the Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential before the induction plan is completed.

To be eligible for the Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential, the candidate must complete a period of induction for at least one full year with a field mentor (support provider) identified by the employer; must verify successful completion of two years of teaching experience in a full-time special education position or the equivalent, in a public school or private school of equivalent status, while holding

a Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential; must enroll in and successfully complete the Professional Level II program; and, must be recommended for the Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential by the Institution of Higher Education. Additional requirements may be required for out-of-state or out-of-country credentials as delineated on the Level I credential.

Prerequisites

1. Valid Preliminary Level I Education Specialist credential in mild/moderate or moderate/severe disabilities; and
2. Teaching position in special education in a public school or private school of equivalent status and assignment of a support provider.

Required Professional Level II Courses

EDSP 511 Professional Induction Plan: Supervised Development	1
EDSP 512 Advanced Issues in Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction of Students with Disabilities	3
EDSP 513 Current and Emerging Research and Practice in Special Education	3
EDSP 514 Advanced Communication, Collaboration, and Consultation in Special Education	3
EDSP 515 Advanced Legal Issues in Special Education	3
EDSP 516 Professional Induction Plan: Culminating Assessment	1
Total Special Education units for Professional Level II	14

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) Statutory Requirements for Level II are:

- Computer Uses in Education Class
- Health Education, Wellness and Drug Abuse Class
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training (to include Adult, Child, and Infant)

Candidates' work in district beginning-teacher induction programs may be submitted for review of equivalency of these classes.

Non-University Activities

Non-university-based professional development activities approved by the Level II Special Education Program Advisor and the candidate's field mentor may be substituted for 3 units of University course work.

Level II Portfolio

All Level II Education Specialist credential students are required to develop and maintain a professional portfolio in the Level II program. It includes professional writing samples and a record of the students' professional reflections on the impact of their graduate study on their educational practice and the attainment of their professional goals.

Master of Arts with a Concentration in Special Education

The Master of Arts in Education (M.A.) with a concentration in Special Education provides advanced academic study for persons working with or on behalf of individuals with disabilities. Candidates who possess a valid Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential

in mild/moderate or moderate/severe disabilities may combine their master's degree studies with course work from their Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential program preparation. Candidates from related disciplines may pursue this advanced degree with consent from the Department of Educational Leadership and Special Education.

Candidates must apply and be admitted both to the University and to the M.A. in Education-Special Education Concentration program in order to pursue this degree. The course of study (described below) includes the M.A core curriculum (9-12 units), Special Education Level II course work (9-12 units), and relevant elective course work (units vary). Candidates will select one of the following pathway options for completing their M.A. course of study:

- Thesis/Project option (30 units)
- Cognate option (36 units)
- Individualized Examination option (33 units)

Special Education Concentration

The Special Education coursework, taken in addition to the M.A. core curriculum, includes four 3-unit courses that are part of the Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential program in mild/moderate and moderate/severe disabilities.

EDSP 512 Advanced Issues in Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction of Students with Disabilities	3
EDSP 513 Current and Emerging Research and Practice in Special Education	3
EDSP 514 Advanced Communication, Collaboration, and Consultation in Special Education	3
EDSP 515 Advanced Legal Issues in Special Education	3

M.A. candidates will apply either 9 or 12 of the Level II special education coursework units toward their M.A. degree.

Electives

Candidates have the opportunity to seek breadth or depth in a related area of study through completion of elective courses. The number of elective units needed to complete the M.A. requirements varies depending upon the culminating option selected. Elective coursework may be drawn from other graduate programs in the School of Education or other departments at Sonoma State University, such as psychology, counseling, kinesiology, or others. These courses are selected with the advice and approval of the M.A. special education advisors.

Course of Study

Professional Level II Candidates

Professional Level II candidates may enter in the fall or spring semester and begin their credential program of study with the course being offered that particular semester. During the first and the final semesters of the program, candidates also take a one-unit seminar related to the initial development and subsequently the final evaluation of the Professional Induction Plan (EDSP 511 and EDSP 516). Qualified applicants to the M.A. program in education with a concen-

tration in special education can be accepted in both fall and spring semesters. Those accepted into the M.A. program would have the option of beginning the M.A. program core coursework in the first semester of Level II study. Many students, however, may choose to take EDUC 570 in the second semester, particularly since the first semester of the Level II program requires 4 units of study.

Non-Level II Candidates

Qualified applicants to the M.A. program in Education with a concentration in special education may be accepted in both fall and spring semesters. Candidates from other programs seeking an M.A. in education with a concentration in special education are expected to complete three or four courses in the Level II program (9-12 units), although they are not expected to formally enroll in the Professional Level II program. Priority for enrollment in all Level II programs is given to candidates seeking the Professional Level II certificate. Therefore, consent of the instructor is required before outside candidates enroll in any Level II course.

Advising

All M.A. candidates within the special education concentration will be assigned to a special education faculty advisor for the purpose of developing an individualized program of study. Electives will be determined in consideration with the advisor, in an effort to provide a broader program of study that responds to varying student interests.

Educational Leadership Program Administrative Service Credentials

The Administrative Services Credential programs were designed collaboratively with school administrators to prepare graduates for positions of leadership in K-12 educational settings. Both the PASC I and the PASC II (Preliminary Administrative Services Credential) credentials authorize the holder to serve as a vice principal, principal, coordinator, program director, superintendent, or in other district or county level positions. The Intern Credential authorizes individuals to serve in administrative positions while completing the approved program of PASC I study. Areas of competence addressed in each program are developmental and expand upon prior learning and experiences included in each level of preparation. Throughout all programs, participants progress from concrete applications of what is being studied to more advanced applications of theory into practice that call for the critique and redefinition of one's knowledge base. Likewise, throughout the programs, multiple learning opportunities are provided that emphasize the acquisition of personal awareness and personal reflection about leadership.

Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

The Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC I) program focuses on entry-level skills for effective administration with particular emphasis on the responsibilities of school site administrators. The program is 27 semester units and can be completed in one year of intensive study. The classes are offered on a cohort basis in late afternoons and evenings or in periodic weekend class sessions (Friday evening and Saturday) spread throughout the semester.

Requirements for Admission for Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

1. General admission requirements for advanced credential programs (application, transcripts, etc.)
2. Verify three years of appropriate full-time experience on school or district letterhead (noting inclusive dates, level, and responsibilities) authorized by a teaching or services credential;
3. Secure favorable recommendations from two school administrators or other school leaders indicating possession of administrative and leadership potential;
4. Submit evidence of successful passage of CBEST before or within the first semester of program course work; and
5. Attend a program admissions interview and/or submit a statement of professional goals.

Internship Program In Educational Administration

Candidates to be employed immediately may enter the program as an administrative intern at any point in the calendar year as long as there is a supporting educational agency request. Candidates enrolled as interns complete the same coursework as PASC I candidates; however, the fieldwork is modified to suit the needs of an intern.

PASC I/Intern Program Course Of Study

EDEL 580A Introduction to Educational Leadership and School Mgmt	3
EDEL 580B Advanced Educational Leadership and School Mgmt	3
EDEL 581 Mgmt of Educational Personnel: Policies and Procedures	3
EDEL 582 Educational Policy and Politics	3
EDEL 583 School Law	3
EDEL 588 Educational Curriculum, Instruction, and Program Assessment	3
EDEL 589 Leadership for Diverse Populations and Communities	3
EDEL 587A Beginning Field Experience in Administration	3
EDEL 587B Advanced Field Experience in Administration	3

Total units for PASC I/Intern programs 27

The program is usually completed in two semesters; however, candidates can extend the time needed for program completion by meeting with an advisor and customizing the program to meet individual needs. Typically candidates who do not have an M.A. go on to complete the M.A. in education with emphasis in education leadership.

Professional Administrative Services Credential

The Professional Administrative Services Credential program (PASC II) offers advanced study and fieldwork for practicing administrators in all areas of educational leadership. The program consists of 12 semester units of coursework and focuses on candidates examining the six administrative standards adopted by the CCTC. This program is offered alternative years on an as-needed basis. Please contact the ELSE department for current information. The course work is offered in periodic weekend class sessions spread throughout the semester.

In addition to the general admission requirements for advanced credential programs, Professional Administrative Services Credential (PASC II) candidates must:

1. Verify grade point average of at least 3.00 in the last 30 semester units;
2. Secure favorable recommendations from two school administrators indicating applicant's administrative and leadership capability and current administrative activities and accomplishments; and
3. Provide two photocopies of a valid Preliminary Administrative Services Credential.

The Professional Administrative Services Credential program is restricted to those formally admitted to the program. Employment in an administrative position requiring a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential is required for admission into the program.

PASC II Program Course Of Study

EDEL 590A Induction Plan	2
EDEL 596A Introduction to Advanced Educational Problems	2
EDEL 596B Completion of Advanced Educational Problems	2
EDEL 596C Introduction to Collaborative Action Research	2
EDEL 596D Completion of Collaborative Action Research	2
EDEL 590B Assessment of Completion of Induction Plan	2
Total units for PASC II program	12

Master of Arts with a Concentration in Educational Leadership

The objective of the M.A. degree program with concentration in educational leadership is to provide a strong academic foundation for competent administrative practice. The program is 30 semester units inclusive of course requirements for the PASC I program.

The M.A. degree with an emphasis in educational leadership is built upon the M.A. core curriculum of the School of Education. Candidates may refer to the previous section on requirements for the M.A. Degree in education for a complete description of the master of arts program.

CANDEL

The CANDEL (Capital Area North Joint Doctorate in Educational Leadership) Program is a doctoral program designed to produce exemplary educational leaders for schools, community colleges and related areas in the field of education. The program is designed for working professionals in leadership positions.

CANDEL is a joint program of Sonoma State University and the University of California, Davis. Graduates of this program are prepared to provide visionary leadership to complex organizations, put policy into practice, use data for decision-making, and build community in a diverse society.

The program is three years in length. Through the preparation of scholar-leaders, the program emphasizes practical problem-based learning through critical examination of important issues in our schools and community colleges.

Dr. Paul Porter of the School of Education Department of Educational Leadership and Special Education serves as the SSU CANDEL Director. For more information and an application, please visit the CANDEL website at <http://candel.ucdavis.edu/>.