

# EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

Mild to Moderate Support Needs *OR* Extensive Support Needs

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## Application Dates

Fall 2023: January 26 – March 1, 2023

Spring 2024: August 21 – September 30, 2023

## General Requirements

- You have completed a bachelor's degree (BA or BS)  
**OR**  
You are close to completing your degree (generally, in the last semester of the BA/BS program).
- GPA Requirement – The required GPA is 2.75 in the last 60 units **or** 2.67 overall. Refer to the **FAQs** for Special Admission information if you don't meet the GPA requirement.

## Admission Requirements

- **Subject Matter Competency**  
SMC can be fulfilled in a variety of ways. Please see the Subject Matter Competency section on our website for details: <https://www.csustan.edu/credentials/application-forms>
- **Basic Skills Requirement (BSR)**  
BSR can be fulfilled in a variety of ways. Please see the BSR section on our website for details: <https://www.csustan.edu/credentials/application-forms>
- **Early Field Experience**  
45 hours of documented field experience are required prior to being admitted to the program, **must** be in K-12 grade US classrooms within the last 5 years. Substitute teaching, paraprofessional experience, or observing in a classroom are some options. **(Not required for Stan State Libs Majors)**
- **English Composition**  
**All CSU graduates will have met this requirement as part of their BA/BS degree.**  
Can be met by **ONE** of three options:
  - Completion of a CSU WP class as part of the undergraduate program (verified by transcripts)
  - Obtain 41 or better on the writing portion of the CBEST
  - Completion of an upper division composition course with a grade of 'C' or better

- **American Government/Constitution**  
**All CSU graduates will have met this requirement as part of their BA/BS degree.**
  - Can be met by **ONE** of two options:  
Completion of a college level course that covers the U.S. Constitution.
  - Passing the [US Constitution Exam](#)
- **Valid certificate or permit issued by CCTC**
  - Certificate of Clearance, 30-day Sub Permit, or any other valid CCTC document are accepted.
  - If you do not currently have a CCTC document, follow our [instructions for applying for your Certificate of Clearance.](#)
  - Must remain current for entirety of credential program enrollment.**
- **TB Clearance or TB Risk Assessment Questionnaire** – Good for 4 years. **Must remain current for entirety of credential program enrollment.**

## Applying to ESCP

- Visit the Credential Services website for all required forms and instructions: [www.csustan.edu/credentials](http://www.csustan.edu/credentials)
  - Go to the **Applications and Forms** tab
  - Follow the [Application Checklist](#)
  - All the forms you will upload with your application to Cal State Apply will be under **FORMS**
  - Follow the [Cal State Apply Walkthrough](#) to correctly complete your application
- **FOR ITCO STUDENTS:** See ITCO/Early Start [paper application](#) and [instructions](#)

## Clinical Practice Fieldwork

- All credential students interested in completing their clinical practice placement as a Student Teacher OR Intern are required to submit a ST-Fieldwork Application and be cleared by Field Services to proceed (even if employed). Clinical Practice applies to all credential candidates regardless of pathway. More information can always be found on the [Clinical Practice website](#)

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How long does it take to complete the program?

The program is **44 UNITS**. Full-time students can complete the program in 3 semesters. See Teacher Education Handbook (**Additional Information** section below) for list of classes on page 50.

## How much does it cost?

Full-time students pay about \$4,232 for 7 units or more each semester (Fall/Spring) and Part-time students pay about \$2,834 for 0-6 units per semester (Fall/Spring). Overall book costs are approximately \$700. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. Contact Financial Aid office for more details at (209) 667-3336.

## Do you offer assistance in passing the CBEST & CSET exams?

Yes, contact the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Office (DBH 307) for information about test guidebooks, resources, and upcoming workshops at (209) 667-3589 or email [teacheroutreach@csustan.edu](mailto:teacheroutreach@csustan.edu)

## What is required for Special Admission?

The Department of Teacher Education is allowed to admit a small number of students who do not meet admittance requirements. Students who are below the GPA requirements and have a **minimum 2.5 GPA** in the last 60 units if they have met all admission requirements, must submit a letter requesting special consideration for admittance. Special admission will only be granted if there is room available.

## Additional Information Available

Teacher Education ESCP Page: <https://www.csustan.edu/teacher-education/education-specialist-special-ed>

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Credential Services: [credentials@csustan.edu](mailto:credentials@csustan.edu) OR [www.csustan.edu/Credentials/](http://www.csustan.edu/Credentials/)

