

## EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

### Special Education- Mild/ Moderate Disabilities & Moderate/ Severe Disabilities

#### **Fall 2019 Application Dates:**

**Priority Applications:**  
January 25 – February 11, 2019  
**Regular Applications:**  
February 12 – March 11, 2019

#### **When to Apply to the Credential Program**

You may apply to the credential program

- If you have completed a bachelor's degree (BA or BS) **OR**
- If you are close to completing your degree (generally, in the last semester of the BA/BS program).

#### **Program Starts**

Students may begin the Credential program in the Fall or Spring semesters. Some summer courses are available.

#### **General Requirements**

##### **1. Applications – Must complete **both** applications.**

- CSU, Stanislaus Graduate Application (\$55 fee)**  
**Online Application** [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply)
- Credential Program - Paper Application (\$30 fee)**  
[www.csustan.edu/credentials/credential-information-application-forms](http://www.csustan.edu/credentials/credential-information-application-forms)
  - Download the application and all necessary forms here:** [www.csustan.edu/Credentials/credential-information-application-forms](http://www.csustan.edu/Credentials/credential-information-application-forms)
  - Submit to DBH 303 by the application deadline**

##### **2. Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement**

The required GPA is 2.75 in the last 60 units **or** 2.67 overall.  
Students with a **minimum 2.5** GPA may be considered for "Special Admission."

#### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants may apply before completing the admission requirements, but must have them completed before being accepted into the program.

##### **1. Subject Matter Competency** [www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/)

Complete **ONE** of the following:

- Pass 3 sections of CSET Multiple Subject. (CSET's: 101, 214, and 103) **OR**
- Pass CSET Single Subject exam or complete a subject matter preparation program (**in the areas of** Art, English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Music, Social Science, **or** Science) **OR**
- CSU Stanislaus Liberal Studies candidates ONLY**  
Approved Elementary Subject Matter Program (ESM)

**If using the CSET option: Must submit proof of passage OR registration when submitting application.** Passage is required prior to the start of the semester for which an application was submitted.

##### **2. Basic Skills Requirement (BSE) – ONE option only\***

**Applicants must submit proof of passage OR registration for either option a) or b).** Passage is required prior to the start of the semester for which an application was submitted.

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- CBEST Exam (all 3 sections) - [www.ctcexams.nesinc.com](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com)
- CSET Writing Skills Exam - [www.ctcexams.nesinc.com](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com)  
*Only in conjunction with MSCP CSETs.*
- CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP)-English and Math with a "College Ready" or "Exempt" score. (OR Combination of scores from EAP and EPT/ELM)
- CSU Placement Exam - English Placement Test (EPT) with a score of 151 and Entry Level Math (ELM) with a score of 50. (OR Combination of scores from EAP and EPT/ELM)
- College Board (AP) – English score of 3 **and** Math score of 3.
- ACT Exam - English score of 22 **and** Math score of 23
- College Board SAT Exam – Critical Reading score of 500 **and** Math score of 550.
- Pass a (BSE) from another state – List of exams from other states accepted by CCTC found at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf>

##### **3. Early Field Experience**

Candidates are required to have a minimum of 45 hours of documented field experience prior to being admitted to the program, **must** be in K-12 grade US classrooms within the last 5 years.

**(Not required for CSU Stanislaus Liberal Studies majors)**

##### **4. English Composition**

All CSU graduates will have met this requirement as part of their BA/BS degree.

Can be met by **ONE** of the three options:

- Completion of a CSU WP class as part of the undergraduate program (verified by transcripts).
- Obtain a 41 or better on the writing portion of the CBEST.
- Completion of an upper division composition course with a grade of 'C' or better.

##### **5. American Government/Constitution**

**ALL** CSU graduates will have met this requirement as a part of their BA/BS degree.

This requirement can be met by taking a course that covers the U.S. Constitution.

##### **6. CCTC Certificate of Clearance AND Livescan.**

##### **7. Tuberculosis Clearance or TB Risk Assessment Clearance Good for only 4 years.**

#### **Co-requisite Courses**

The following courses are designated for the program. Both classes can be taken prior to applying or while in program.

- EDSE 4310 – Introduction to Special Education Program, 3 units, with a "B" grade or better.
- Human Development: Childhood or Adolescents: PSYC/CDEV 3240-Human Development II: Adolescence, 3 units **or** PSYC/CDEV 3140- Human Development I: Childhood, 3 units **or** NURS 1040 - Human Development over the Life Span, 3 units.

## Education Specialist Program Course Requirements

### 1. If an offer of admission is made, complete the following courses:

- EDMS 4150– Methods of Multilingual Education, (3 units);  
or EDUC 4400- Intro and Foundations of Multilingual Education;  
or EDSS 4110- Multilingual Education for Sec Schools, (3 units)  
**Not required for LIBS Students that took LIBS 4800 or ENGL 4800 in Fall 2016 or later**
- EDMS 4121- Mathematics Methods (3 Units)
- EDSE 4330- Communication & Social Skills, (3 units)
- EDSE 4750- Applied Behavior Analysis in the Classroom, (3 units)
- EDSE 4550- Practicum with Exceptional Children, (3 units)
- EDSE 4560- Theory of Instructional Design, (3 units)
- EDSE 4110- Reading and Language Arts in General Education, (2 units)
- EDSE 4210- Reading and Language Arts in Special Education, (3 units)
- EDSE 4410- Consultation and Collaboration, (3 units)
- EDSE 4450- Teaching Students Mild/Moderate, (3 units) (if you are seeking the M/M credential only) (*Fall Only*)
- EDSE 4440- Teaching Students Moderate/ Severe, (3 units) (for both M/S and M/M Credentials) (*Spring Only*)

### 2. After completing coursework with “B” average and verification of subject matter competence, complete the following courses:

- EDSE 4815- Student Teaching: Mild/Moderate I, (3 units) **and**
- EDSE 4816- Student Teaching: Mild Moderate II, (3 units)  
**OR**
- EDSE 4915- Student Teaching: Moderate/Severe I, (3 units) **and**
- EDSE 4916- Student Teaching: Moderate /Severe II (3 units)

**TOTAL UNITS FOR THE EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL: 41 Units (Mod/Sev) or 44 Units (Mild/Mod)**  
(6 co-requisite + 35 [Mod/Sev] or 38 [Mild/Mod] program units)

### Additional requirements to be completed prior to being recommended for teaching credential:

#### 1) Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)

[www.ctcexams.nesinc.com](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com)

Credential students should take this exam **shortly after completing** EDMS 4110. This test is an exit requirement for the credential program.

#### 2) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

All students applying for a Preliminary Credential demonstrate that they have **“infant, child, and adult CPR certification which meets the criteria of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.”** Find additional information here:

<https://www.csustan.edu/credentials/examcpr-information>

## Frequently Asked Questions about ESCP

### What special education credentials are offered at CSU, Stanislaus?

CSU, Stanislaus offers the Preliminary Education Specialist Credentials: Mild/Moderate Disabilities and Moderate Severe Disabilities. The specialty area *Mild/Moderate Disabilities (M/M)* includes autism; specific learning disabilities; mild to moderate mental retardation; other health impairment; serious emotional disturbance. The specialty area *Moderate/Severe Disabilities (M/S)* includes autism; deaf-blindness; moderate to severe mental retardation; multiple disabilities; serious emotional disturbance.

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Both authorize service in grades K–12 and in classes organized primarily for adults through age 22.

### How long is the program?

With the prerequisites included, the Special Education program totals 41 units. The average amount of time students take to complete the program is 2 years. However, the length of the program is ultimately determined by how you set your schedule, e.g., full-time or part-time. Keep in mind that some of the courses in the program are offered once a year, not every semester.

### How much does it cost?

Full-time students pay about \$3,997 for 7 units or more each semester (Fall/Spring) and Part-time students pay about \$2,599 for 0-6 units per semester (Fall/Spring). Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. Contact Financial Aid office for more details at 667-3336.

### If I am a student in the Liberal Studies concentration in Exceptional Children and Youth, am I also a candidate in the Special Education Credential Program?

No. Courses in the concentration are required to earn your baccalaureate degree. Declaration of the concentration is not equivalent to admission to the Education Specialist Credential Program.

### Must I complete all co-requisite requirements before I apply for admission to the program?

No. You can apply for admission in the same semester you enroll in the co-requisite courses: (a) EDSE 4310 and (b) CDEV 3140 or CDEV 3240. However, you must complete EDSE 4310 with a grade of “B” or better before **full admission** is offered.

### Can I teach in at the elementary or secondary level with the Preliminary Education Specialist credential?

Yes. The Education Specialist Credential is a K-12 Credential. You are authorized to teach students in the areas authorized on your credential.

### I am interested in an internship, but I am not currently employed by a school district or non-public school. Am I eligible to apply for the University’s Internship Credential Program?

No. Interns are employed as teachers in collaborating school districts while completing the requirements for the Preliminary Education Specialist Credential. Consult the Program Coordinator for specific procedures and requirements for the University Internship Credential through CSU Stanislaus.

### Am I guaranteed a student teaching placement in the area I reside?

No. While all efforts will be made to place you as close as possible to your residence, the primary criterion in the determination of placement is the quality of experiences the placement will provide.

### Do You Offer Assistance in Passing the CBEST and CSET Exams?

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

### Additional Information Available at:

- Credential Services: (209) 667-3534 | DBH 303  
<http://www.csustan.edu/Credentials/> **OR**  
[www.csustan.edu/Teacher-education/special-education-forms-and-documents](http://www.csustan.edu/Teacher-education/special-education-forms-and-documents)
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