Internship Education Specialist Credential: Mild/Moderate Disabilities with EL Authorization

Basic Teaching Credentials

The CSU prepares teachers for positions in California as well as other states. It is in the student's best interest to be knowledgeable about credential or licensure requirements of the state in which they intend to teach.

The Mild-to-Moderate Special Education Intern Program is an alternative certification program in which interns are employed full-time as Special Education teachers for children with mild/moderate disabilities while earning the Preliminary Education Specialist Credential for Mild-to-Moderate Disabilities with English Language (EL) Authorization and the Master of Science in Special Education. All requirements must be completed in two years. Candidates will be admitted to this program beginning in the Fall 2020 semester.

According to the CTC, candidates completing the Preliminary Education Specialist credential in Mild-to-Moderate Disabilities are authorized to conduct assessments, provide instruction, and special education related services to individuals with a primary disability of specific learning disabilities, mild to moderate mental retardation, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, and autism spectrum disorders in kindergarten, grades 1 through 12, and classes organized for adults. The program also meets state standards authorizing instruction to English language learners to develop English language skills including reading.

Interns earn tenure credit in their districts and receive ongoing supervision/support from a university supervisor and district support provider. Interested applicants should contact the Mild/Moderate Intern Coordinator for program information, including the two-year program course sequence and program costs. Grant funds may be available for additional financial support.

Admission to the Program

Applicants must apply online via CSUMentor in addition to submitting a complete Program Admission File (PAF) to be considered for admission to the Preliminary Education Specialist Credential in Mild-to-Moderate Disabilities. Applicants must meet BOTH the general requirements of the university for Graduate Admission and the program requirements in order to be admitted to the university and classified as a graduate/credential candidate. In preparation for admission to the basic program, applicants must review the Special Education Credential Program Admission Booklet available in the Special Education Credential Program Admission Booklet. Applicants must submit a PAF to the Admissions staff in the College of Education Student Services according to the deadlines published for the semester of admission. Admission to the credential program is based on the following requirements included in the PAF:

1. Completion of an application form;
2. Original written verification of passing score for the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST);
3. Two written recommendations by persons who can address scholastic performance and suitability for teaching (recommendation forms are available in the Special Education Credential Program Admission Booklet);
4. A written personal narrative to be reviewed and approved by the Special Education Program Director;
5. Verification of a negative tuberculin examination within the last four years;
6. Academic achievement, verified through official transcripts from ALL institutions of higher education attended. Applicants must possess a minimum undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.67 in all baccalaureate and postbaccalaureate course work or at least 2.75 in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units attempted;
7. Documentation of 45 hours of experience in K-12 classrooms;
8. Submission of an application for a certificate of clearance or evidence of a credential or permit authorizing public school teaching in California;
9. Verification of attendance at a Special Education Information Session;
10. Satisfactory completion of prerequisite courses with a grade of "B" or better:
    - ESPE 5530 Introduction to Special Education
    - ESPE 5531 Methods and Procedures in Special Education

Upon admission to the university and the Preliminary Education Specialist Credential Program, all candidates must attend the mandatory New Student Orientation. At this session, candidates will receive a program handbook and will be advised on completing an approved Coursework Plan.

Eligibility for the Internship Program (9 units)

In addition to meeting the general requirements for admission to the university and the Special Education Credential program, eligibility for the Internship program requires the following:

1. Submission of application for the Internship Education Specialist Credential: Mild-to-Moderate Disabilities;
2. Satisfactory completion of program prerequisite coursework requirements with a grade of "B-" or better unless otherwise specified:
   - ESPE 5530 Introduction to Special Education
   - ESPE 5531 Methods and Procedures in Special Education
   - ESPE 5514 Language Development in Diverse Learners

Note: These courses may be included in Internship Program Requirements if pre-service requirements are met through possession of valid California Multiple Subjects or Single Subject Teaching credential.

3. Preparation to teach English learners must be verified by one of the following:
   a. Pre-service EL coursework/instruction;
   b. Valid California Credential with EL Authorization;
   c. CLAD/BCLAD Certification;
d. Interview by university/school district representatives at the discretion of the Intern Program Coordinator.

Recommendation for the Internship Education Specialist Credential: Mild/Moderate Disabilities:

In addition to classified program admission and successful verification of eligibility for the internship program, the candidate must successfully complete the following requirements in order to be recommended for the Internship Education Specialist Credential in Mild-to-Moderate Disabilities:

1. Employment as a special day class teacher for pupils with mild/moderate disabilities in a participating school district, verified by a copy of the contract indicating the beginning date of employment as an intern (Month/Day/Year) with the authorized signature as designated by the school district personnel office. The recommended credential issuance date will be the date the employing school district specifies on this contract as the beginning date of service;
2. Application for On-line Recommendation submitted to Credential Processing in the College of Education Student Services;
3. Completion of the U.S. Constitution requirement by one of the following:
   - HIST 1460 History of the United States: Pre-Colonization to Present
   - HIST 2000 United States History to 1877
   - HIST 5400 Constitutional History of the United States
   - PSCI 2030 Government of the United States
   - PSCI 4100 American Constitutional Law
   - PSCI 4110 The Bill of Rights
   - Successful completion of an examination administered through the College of Extended Learning;
   - Approved U.S. Constitution course substitution at another university.

Credential Requirements (47 units)

All requirements must be met within the term of the internship credential (two years). Completion of the following courses with a grade point average of 3.0 or better with no grade lower than a "B-:" 

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