

EPIC

EDUCATION PREPARATION FOR
INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS



A Credentialing Program for Education Specialists

EPIC

might be right for you if you want to enrich your existing classroom with inclusion best practices or begin to teach in an inclusive educational environment.

EPIC offers a fully-rounded course schedule taught by experts from the field for two Preliminary Education Specialist Intern Credentials: Early Childhood and Moderate/Severe and also the Clear Education Specialist Induction Program. To fit in your schedule, sessions are held late afternoons and evenings (plus the occasional Saturday).





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The EPIC program prepares candidates to become teacher specialists in an inclusive classroom. It provides instructional and experiential opportunities to work with families, develop collaborative skills and become proficient classroom managers. Candidates learn from the best experts in the field—current and past teachers, special education directors and scholars.

Interested candidates may choose from these credentialing programs:

- Preliminary Early Childhood Special Education
- Preliminary Moderate/Severe
- Clear Education Specialist Induction Program

The EPIC process

Coursework is divided into modules covering a two-year period and candidates work as interns in their second year in the Preliminary Credential Program. Participants are in a cohort throughout the program, sharing their learning experiences and beginning cross program collaborations – learning collaborative behaviors that will assist them throughout their careers as Education Specialists.

Each EPIC module unit is equivalent to ten hours of classroom instruction. Each Specialist Credential is equal to 45 quarter units.

To accommodate work schedules, classes meet late afternoons and evenings and on some Saturdays. There are also some Summer courses.

Please note:
Internships are self-procured by each candidate.



The Preliminary Credential Curriculum

All Preliminary Credential candidates participate in common coursework, and each credential also has additional coursework unique to it.

Courses Year 1 Both Credentials

- Curriculum for Inclusive Classroom
- Classroom Management
- Typical/Atypical Child Development
- Working Within Language Diverse Communities
- Development of Language/Literacy
- Medical/Health Aspects, Movement & Mobility
- Augmentative Alternative Communication & Assistive Technology
- Collaboration
- Special Topic: Autism Spectrum Disorder

Courses Year 2 Both Credentials

- Fundamentals of Assessment
- Alternative Assessment
- Family Systems and Parent Education
- Professional, Legal and Ethical Aspects of Special Education

+ Year 2 coursework unique to Early Childhood Specialist Credential

- Intervention for Young Children with Special Needs
- Infant/Toddler Intern/Field Experience
- Preschool Intern/Field Experiences

+ Year 2 coursework unique to Moderate/Severe Specialist Credential

- Curriculum and instruction for Individuals with M/S Disabilities
- Reading and Language Arts
- Moderate/Severe: Intern/Field Experience

Prerequisites for credential programs

- Bachelor of Arts/Science from an accredited institution
- Child Development Course (minimum 3 units)
- Minimum grade point average of 2.75
- Principles of US Constitution or exam
- Pass California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST)
- Meet Commission Approved subject matter requirements as appropriate

Clear Education Specialist Induction Program

All Clear Education Specialist Induction Program participants complete coursework in all of the following courses:

Professional Learning Community courses:

- Reflection in Action
- Collaboration in Action
- Curriculum in Action
- Behavior in Action

Prerequisites

- Completion of a Preliminary Specialist Credential
- A CTC approved course in the following areas:
 - Health Education
 - Computer Education
- Verification of at least two years of teaching experience

Interested? Have questions?

For more information or to apply for one of the credential programs visit www.sccoe.org/credentialing-programs or call (408) 453-4256 or epic@sccoe.org.

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All Credentials are approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC).



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