



EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

The EPIC Preliminary Credential program is designed to prepare candidates to earn their Preliminary Education Specialist Instruction Credential through a CCTC accredited program. The EPIC program prepares candidates to become teacher specialists in an inclusive classrooms. It provides instructional and experiential opportunities to work with families, develop collaborative skills, and become proficient classroom managers. Candidates learn from experts in the field – current and past teachers, special education directors and scholars. Coursework is divided into modules covering a two-year period, spread throughout the Fall Semester, Spring Semester and Summer Semester. Eligible candidates will work as interns in their second year. While in a cohort throughout the program, participants share their learning experiences and begin cross program collaborations – learning collaborative behaviors that will assist them throughout their careers as Education Specialists. To accommodate work schedules, classes meet late afternoons and evenings, and on some Saturdays. Classes are held in hybrid format, with some in-person classes, and some held online.

We currently offer the following options:

Preliminary Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

The Education Specialist Instruction Credential: Early Childhood Special Education authorizes the holder to conduct assessments, provide instruction, and special education related services to children from *birth through pre-kindergarten*, with a primary disability of specific learning disabilities, mild/moderate intellectual disability, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, autism spectrum disorder, moderate/severe intellectual disability, deaf-blindness, serious emotional disturbance, and multiple disabilities in services across the continuum of program options available.

Preliminary Moderate/Severe (Mod/Severe)

The Education Specialist Instruction Credential: Moderate/Severe Disabilities authorizes the holder to conduct assessments, provide instruction, and special education related services to individuals with a primary disability of autism, moderate/severe intellectual disability, deaf-blind, emotional disturbance, and multiple disabilities, in kindergarten, *grades 1 through 12 to age 22*, and classes organized primarily for adults in services across the continuum of program options available.

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Preliminary Mild to Moderate (MM)





The Education Specialist Instruction Credential: Mild to Moderate program prepares individuals seeking teacher certification to provide instruction and other special education related services to individuals with Mild to Moderate Disabilities including learning disabilities, autism, mild intellectual disability, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, speech and language disabilities and visual or auditory processing difficulties. The credential authorizes service in kindergarten, grades 1 through 12 to age 22, and classes organized primarily for adults in services across the continuum of program options available.

Exemplary Candidates with a California Clear Teaching Credential may qualify for the one year 19 semester unit Mild to Moderate Clear Credential Accelerated Pathway Program.

We are accepting applications now!

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