

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, while 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. 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. We also have summer courses.

We currently offer the following options:

Preliminary Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

45 quarter units over two years

(2 year cohort program)

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)

45 quarter units over two years

(2 year cohort program)

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.

Under review: Mild to Moderate

We are accepting applications now! Go to EPIC.sccoe.org to learn more.