Santa Clara County Office of Education

INVESTING FOR IMPACT

EQUITY • DIVERSITY • INCLUSION • PARTNERSHIP

Earn Your Special Education Credential Through EPIC
Welcome

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Assistant Director, Credentialing Programs

Come Join EPIC
Education Preparation for Inclusive Classrooms
Our focus is **Inclusion Education**

Inclusion secures opportunities for students with disabilities to learn alongside their non-disabled peers in general education classrooms.
Our focus on Inclusion Education

• Preparing teachers for inclusive classroom practices
  – Universal Design for Learning
  – Differentiated Instruction
• An emphasis on Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)/Natural Environment
• Student diversity as an asset
• Advocacy
What Can You Do Through EPIC

- Earn an Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Credential
- Earn a Moderate to Severe (MS) Credential
- Clear Your ECSE, MS or Mild to Moderate (MM) Credential
- Earn a Second Credential with an Accelerated Pathway (AP) in 12 to 15 months
- Take any course for units to move up the pay scale

*The Curriculum for Inclusive Classrooms* course is popular

- We are hoping to offer the Mild to Moderate Program in January
Preliminary Program
Preliminary Credential Types Overview

- Preliminary Early Childhood Special Education
  • Includes the mild/moderate and moderate/severe disabilities and traumatic brain injury; Authorizes service to children ages birth to pre-kindergarten

- Preliminary Moderate/Severe
  • Includes autism; deaf-blindness; moderate to severe intellectual disabilities; multiple disabilities; serious emotional disturbance; and authorizes service in grades K–12 and in classes organized primarily for adults
Pre-requisites for Preliminary Education Specialist Credential ECSE & Mod-Severe

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Sciences
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Child Development Course (minimum 3 units)
- Principles of US Constitution or exam
- CBEST
- CSET at least one subtest prior to enrollment in EPIC - (Moderate/Severe Credential only)
- 2 letters of recommendations
- Letter of Intent
- A candidate interview for selection

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Pre-requisites for Preliminary Education Specialist Credential ECSE & Mod-Severe

• For the 2 letters of recommendations, we are looking for
  – Exemplars of: good citizenship, high moral character and experiential background in working with children with special needs
  – Testimony to work ethic, dependability, confidentiality, creativity, respect and care

• Letter of Intent - template available at epic.sccoe.org

• At the candidate interview for selection, we are looking for information about
  – Academic Integrity
  – Experience with children
  – Organization and time management skills
  – Your readiness for a graduate internship program
  – Rationale for becoming a special education teacher

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Foreign Transcript Evaluation

• Individuals who have completed college or university coursework at an institution in a country other than the United States must obtain a complete evaluation of foreign transcripts, degrees, and other relevant documents prior to applying to EPIC. Please see CTC information: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl635.pdf

• Documentation of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science must be completed prior to acceptance into EPIC.
Request for Coursework Equivalency

- Register for EPIC first on CAESAR
- Evaluation of course equivalency for each course will be evaluated upon receipt of online form and $75. fee per course (ONLINE ONLY)
- Each course equivalency request requires specific review to determine if program standards align
- Must submit transcript and course syllabus for each course requesting equivalency
what two years as an intern looks like
Preliminary Intern Credential Program

Early Childhood Special Education or Moderate/Severe

• Cohort model, start in fall (traditional pathway) or winter of each year
• 2 year program (10 hours of instruction per quarter unit)
  – Year 1: 25 quarter units
  – Year 2: 20 quarter units — INTERNSHIP
    • Mentor and District Support Provider

Winter Pathway is slight differs based on year of internship

Classes are held evenings and some Saturdays
Preliminary Intern Credential Program
Organization of Courses: 45 units

Year 1
- 25 units ECSE & Moderate/Severe

Year 2
- 10 units ECSE & Moderate/Severe
- & either
  - 10 units ECSE
  - 10 Units Moderate Severe

Will Differ Slightly if on a Winter Pathway depending on the year of your internship and specialization area
What your two years as an EPIC intern looks like

- Enrollment, Fall or Winter Entry
- 25 units first year
- ECSE & MS in same Classes
- 20 units 2nd year with paid internship as teacher of record
- Specialize in ECSE or MS
- Costs $15,750 for complete program
Clear Induction
Prerequisites Clear Education Specialist Induction Program

- Completion of a Preliminary Specialist Credential
- Offer of Employment in the Credential to be cleared (Mild-Mod, ECSE, Mod-Severe)
- If you have a Level 1 Credential, you must also complete a CTC approved course in the following areas:
  - Health Education**
  - Computer Education**

**courses can be completed concurrently
http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/FAQ/faq-exams.html
Clear Education Specialist Induction

• **District Support Provider**
  – Provides guidance & support in meeting professional goals of Individual Learning Plan

• **EPIC Coach**
  – Provides feedback
  – Advises
  – Monitors progress in meeting requirements for credential
What your two years as a Clear student looks like

- Job Embedded Coaching
- 2 in person or virtual colloquiums to discuss action research
- ePortfolio based on Action Research
- Just in time support individualized support
- Costs $3500 first year, $3750 for the 2nd year, $7250 for the full program
Accelerated Pathway
What does Accelerated Pathway (AP) look like

- For **credentialed teachers** seeking an additional credential
- Completed in 10 to 15 months
- Starts with a transcript and syllabi analysis
- Requires a position or job offer in the new credential area
- Costs between $5100 and $7300
Why EPIC?
WHY EPIC?

We are affordable

Designed for the Working Professional

Get a 2nd Credential for $4950

Career Pipeline

Centrally Located

We are small and more personable

New High Tech Educational Resource Center

Free Parking!!!

DO SOMETHING EPIC!!!

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## Comparison of Tuition Costs For Preliminary Credential

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The ERC will continue to house curriculum materials, books, technology tools, and other resources for education professionals.

The ERC will focus on professional learning for educators, the Center will house the SCCOE Credentialing Programs and new learning spaces for teacher and administrator candidates.
THE NEW EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER (ERC)
EQUITY    INCLUSION    SOCIAL JUSTICE

CREDENTIALING PROGRAMS

CAREER PIPELINE

EDUCATION PREPARATION FOR INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS (EPIC)

Become a special education teacher!

LEADERS IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM (LEAP)

Become an educational administrator!

In our programs you can:

Earn your preliminary Education Specialist Intern credential in Early Childhood Special Education or Moderate Severe

Earn your preliminary Administrative Services Credential

Clear your credential in our two year induction coaching program

Clear your Administrative Services Credential through our two year induction coaching

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PREPARING EDUCATORS FOR EQUITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Resources and More Info
Guides available at epic.sccoe.org

- Child Development Resource Guide
- CSET, CBEST, RICA Resource and Test Guide
- Time Management Guide
For Application Process visit the EPIC page at EPIC.SCCOE.ORG
Frequently Asked Questions

Available on our website


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