

Early Childhood Special Education Authorization Application Checklist

The Early Childhood Special Education Authorization Program is for those candidates who hold an Education Specialist Credential in Mild to Moderate or Extensive Support Needs.

- **Prerequisites:**
 - Baccalaureate degree
 - Minimum grade-point-average of 2.75.
 - Background knowledge in typical child development and experience with young children.
- **Priority Deadlines:** *Fall* - February 15th and March 15th
- Make copies of **ALL** your documents before you submit your application
- **The file items below must be submitted by the deadline:**

Student Check Box	File Item
	Cal State Apply Application www.calstate.edu/apply **Please submit all official transcripts to the University**
	Special Education Credential Application via Cal State Apply
	Copy of existing Specialist Credential in Mild to Moderate Support Needs or Extensive Support Needs
	Current CPR Card within 2 years (Infant/Child & Adult required, both sides copied & signed)
	2 Letters of Recommendation (1 Faculty & 1 Child/Youth Experience)
	Official transcripts – Must submit a separate set of official transcripts from Bachelor’s degree and credential coursework to department.

It consists of the following Core courses (15 units):

NUMBER	TITLE
SPED 300	Early Childhood Special Education (3)
SPED 421	Working with Families of Individuals with Disabilities (3)
SPED 489C/D	Adviser-approved Directed Teaching in Special Education Course (6)
SPED 415	ECSE Assessment and Intervention (3)

Electives: The nine elective units must meet the following criteria: (1) courses will have to diversify and expand upon the student's previous higher education coursework or degree program, and (2) all selected coursework will have to be approved by the program coordinator and department chair.

Note: Only nine units of graduate-level coursework from another institution can be petitioned to fulfill equivalent course requirements in the authorization program.

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