



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

Dear Potential Special Education Specialist Credential and Master's Degree Program Candidates:

You have been identified as a potential candidate for the Special Education Credential and Master's Degree Program at CSU, Fullerton. Given the current budget crisis, there have been some significant changes that may affect you, and we want to ensure that you are receiving the most current information and support from our department.

1. Please be sure to contact our department to clarify any questions or concerns that arise. There can be misinformation that is given during times of uncertainty. Only our department can speak to any changes within our program. For all Special Education admissions-related questions, please contact our Admissions Support Assistant, Ms. Raquel Cloverly at 657-278-4196 or rcloverly@fullerton.edu or our Admissions Coordinator, Dr. Judy Smith at jusmith@fullerton.edu.
2. If you are currently admitted to the university under the status of "post-baccalaureate," or "Graduate", you need to ensure you maintain your status by enrolling in one or more classes this Fall 09 semester. If you are not taking classes this Fall, we encourage you to enroll in a class or take a leave of absence (if you are eligible). You may want to take a course to help yourself better prepare for the CSET exam or a course that provides you with additional experience working with children. You can contact the Center for Careers in Teaching for a list of recommended courses. Contact Admissions and Records if you are considering a leave of absence. If you do not maintain your status with the university this Fall, it is possible that you will not be re-admitted to the university for spring 2010. We highly recommend the following undergraduate Reading courses in the Reading Department: Reading 201, 202, and 290.
3. The university will not be accepting applications for Spring 2010. This will **not** affect the Special Education Specialist Credential and Master's Degree Program. We will still offer programs in Spring 2010. With the uncertainty of the state budget, we are working to keep a list of all interested applicants and will notify you directly with the most update and pertinent information. Applicants for Fall 2010, the initial filing period to apply is 10/1/09-11/30/09.

We look forward to working with you and supporting your goal of entering the teaching profession to work with students with disabilities. There is no greater reward than impacting the lives of our youth. Feel free to contact us. We look forward to working with you!

Dr. Judy Smith, Admissions Coordinator
Raquel Cloverly, Admissions Assistant