Special Education Program Overview

- Education Specialist Credential Programs

- Master of Science in Education- Concentration in Special Education

Department of Special Education, revised October 2018
Overview Agenda

- College of Education Conceptual Framework
- The Admissions Process
- Preliminary Credential Program
  - Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe and Early Childhood Special Education
  - Subject Matter Preparation, Prerequisite Coursework, Credential Program, Coursework and Directed Teaching
- Internship Program
- Bilingual Authorization
- Clear Credential Program
- MSE Graduate Program
Mission Statement

Our mission is to teach, to serve, and to engage in scholarship.

We teach our students to be critical thinkers and lifelong learners

We prepare professionals who improve student learning, promote diversity, make informed decisions, engage in collaborative endeavors, maintain professional and ethical standards, and become change agents in their workplaces.

We engage in scholarly work that informs the profession and we serve the education community by providing applied scholarship.
Our Program Completers *Are*:  

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SPED Admissions Staff and Faculty

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  - 2600 E Nutwood Ave. Fullerton, CA 92831

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  - P.O. Box 6868, Fullerton, CA 92834

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  - Lisa Alexander, lalexander@fullerton.edu CP 540; (657) 278-4196

- Department of Special Education Website:
  - http://ed.fullerton.edu/sped/admissions/cred-sped.php

- Graduate Program Coordinator:
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Find your future at the California State University. With 23 campuses and thousands of degree choices, the CSU is a great place to start your journey. Explore your options below, and start your application today.

See Application Dates & Deadlines »

The Fall 2019 application will be available on October 1, 2018.

Fall 2019

Already started your application? Sign in »
Welcome to The California State University

Thank you for your interest in The California State University. We hope you will find the online application process to be comprehensive and easy to navigate. You do not need to complete the online application all at once. You may access your application and change your answers as many times as you like by using your login credentials from any computer with internet access. Your application can be completed online and submitted electronically once you have entered the required information.

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Please Note: If you previously created an account on CSUMentor

Sign in with your username and password below. First time here? Select Create an Account to get started.

- Username
- Password

Sign In

Create an Account

Forgot your username or password?
The information below will be provided to the admissions offices at the programs to which you apply. Please provide complete and accurate information. Within the application you will be able to specify additional addresses and alternate name details.

* Indicates required field.

**Your Name**

**Title**

**First or Given Name**

**Middle Name**

**Last or Family Name**

**Suffix**

**Display Name**

**Contact Information**

* Email Address
Thank you for your interest in The California State University. This application will allow you to apply for the 2019-2020 cycle, including Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2020 and Summer 2020. Please take time to acquaint yourself with the application and instructional resources available. You may access your application and change your answers as many times as you like prior to submission by using your login credentials from any computer with internet access. Please visit this link for browser requirements. For applicant support during the application process, please contact us directly at 857-304-2087.

If you are interested in applying to a prior term, Winter 2019, Spring 2019, or Summer 2019 please click here to open the application.
The information provided below will be used to ensure you see all programs for which you qualify and ensure that your application includes all relevant information.

* Indicates required field.

**Degree Goal**

* What degree, credential or certificate are you applying for?

- First Bachelor’s Degree (Seeking your first bachelor’s degree and have not earned a prior bachelor’s degree)
- Second Bachelor’s Degree (already earned a bachelor’s degree and are seeking another one)
- Graduate (e.g. Master’s, Doctoral) or Professional’s Degree
- Teaching Credential Only (e.g. Single or Multiple Subject, PPS, Librarian, Admin, CalState TEACH)
- Certificate
Select the Programs to Which You Want to Apply

You must select at least one program to begin your application. You may add additional programs from the Add Program tab at any time before the submission deadline.

Due to CSU enrollment pressures, campuses may offer very limited Lower Division and Second Baccalaureate programs.

Please click here for campus specific program Dates & Deadlines.

Application fees for some undergraduate programs may be waived based on eligibility. Once you have completed your application in full, please click on the Submit Applications tab to review your fee waiver status. For more information on application fee waiver eligibility, please click here.

Programs with a Source of Extended Education are offered by Extended and Continuing Education on each campus.
Cal State Apply

For the “Campus” section, choose CSU Fullerton
Choose either **PRELIMINARY** Early Childhood, Mild Moderate, or Moderate Severe.
Once you have chosen the correct PRELIMINARY program, select “I am Done, Review My Selections”.

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| TOTAL FEE(S) | $55 |

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Cal State Apply

Review Your Program Selections

Below are the programs you have selected. If you are ready to start your application, click the Continue To My Application button below. Missing a Program? Click Add More Programs. You can add more programs at anytime.

APPLICATIONS READY FOR SUBMISSION | TOTAL FEE(S)
0 | $55

Sort By Deadline

Fullerton Credential
Education Specialist Credential - Mild/Moderate - Preliminary
Deadline 04/13/2019

Click “Continue to My Application”
Cal State Apply

This is what the “home” page of Cal State Apply should look like.

My Application

This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.

Getting Started?
Speed up your application by entering your colleges attended first.

My Application

- Personal Information
  - 0/7 Sections Completed

- Academic History
  - 0/4 Sections Completed

- Supporting Information
  - 0/1 Sections Completed

- Program Materials
  - 0/1 Sections Completed
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Latest Notifications

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[Q1] Personal Information

Academic History

Supporting Information

Program Materials

Getting Started?

First, select the institution you will be applying to. Once you have selected an institution, what you will need to do is label your personal information.

Sections Completed

0/1

Sections Completed

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Personal Information

0/7 Sections Completed

- Release Statement
- Biographic Information
- Contact Information
- Citizenship/Residency Information
- Race & Ethnicity
- Other Information
- Financial and Parental Information
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NOTE: For the Transcript Entry section, please leave it blank. You DO NOT need to input every class you have taken. You will be asked to submit transcripts to Admissions and Records (If you are new to CSUF), as well as upload transcripts later on in [Q4].
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[Q3]

Sections Completed

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Click the blue “Experiences” button

Then, click “I am not adding any experiences”
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[Q4] Program Materials
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Program Materials
on Sections Completed

Education Specialist Credential - Mild/Moderate - Preliminary
Fullerton Credential

Click the blue box, “Education Specialist Credential ______ - PRELIMINARY- Fullerton Credential”.
Click Documents
In the “Documents” section in [Q4] is where you will upload the required documents for this section. This is an image of what the section will begin to look like.

Note: Not all sections are required. Please follow the checklist to determine which sections you need to upload documents.

Provide supporting documentation for your application. You may update your submission. Once you have submitted, you will be able to add more content available to you, but you will not be able to replace existing document documents.

* Personal Statement

 Add Document

CPR or First Aid Certification
Admission Requirements

**Attendance of an in-person overview** or verification of the online overview PowerPoint presentation is **required**.

To show verification of this requirement, please refer to #4 on the checklist.

**University graduate application** submitted – www.calstate.edu/apply

**Transcripts** for ALL Colleges and Universities attended:

- Official, Sealed Transcripts for both University & Program applications.

Note: Refer to checklist for instructions on how to submit transcripts.
Admission Requirements

GPA Requirement:
- Credential GPA 2.75 in last 60 units OR cumulative
- Master’s GPA: 3.0 in last 60 units

Personal Statement- Please share your experiences working with children in both educational and community settings. Please also include your experience with culturally and linguistically diverse populations and your long term goals in working in the field of special ed. (2-3 pages in length, typed and double spaced.)

Certificate of Clearance: (2 parts)
1) Live Scan
2) Online Application on the CTC website

Please visit their website for more info:
http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/c1667.pdf
Admission Requirements

Passage of California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST):
For other ways to meet the basic skills requirement, visit:

Subject Matter Competency-
CSET or SSMPP/MSMPP (Required for MM & MS)
K-6: Multiple Subject CSET
7-12: Single Subject CSET (in approved subject area)
Recommended: English, Math, FLM, FLS, History. Please refer to checklist for more options.
Note: CSET is NOT required for EC, but 9 units of Child Development Coursework are required in place of the CSET.

American Government Course OR U.S. Constitution Exam
Students MUST complete one of the following:

Political Science/Government Course OR U.S. Constitution Exam

Please refer to the checklist for more detailed information regarding requirements and how to show verification of this requirement.
Admission Requirements

**TB test**
- Must be recent within the last 4 years
- Must be valid throughout the entire program
  - If you are a current student, it can be done at the Health Center

**Current CPR card** - (Infant, Child and Adult required)
You may choose any hands-on course OR an online course offered either by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross

**$50 Department Processing Fee**
(This fee is separate from the $55 university fee.

Can be paid one of the following ways:
- In person at the cashier’s office in **UH- 180**
- Online via: [https://coepay.fullerton.edu/ated](https://coepay.fullerton.edu/ated)

Please refer to checklist on how to show verification of this requirement.
Admission Requirements

4 letters of recommendation (current, within one year):
- 2 from Faculty- (templates available on the website)
- 2 from Child/Youth Experience- (templates available on the website)
- All letters of recommendation are confidential.

SPED Pre-requisites: Required for ALL programs (EC, MM, & MS)
Observation Hours Required
SPED 322: 10 Hours Required
SPED 371: 5 Hours Required
SPED 425: 30 Hours Required

CAS Pre-requisites: Required for Early Childhood ONLY
- A minimum of 9 units of child development coursework is only required for those beginning the Early Childhood Credential Program.
- The 9 units are in addition to completing the 3 SPED Pre-reqs.
- (Please refer to the checklist for more information)

Passing Faculty Interview
- Granted when application is complete
Documents to Print

Application Checklist:
http://ed.fullerton.edu/sped/_resources/pdfs/preliminary-application_checklist.pdf

Program Plans:
Mild/Mod: http://ed.fullerton.edu/sped/_resources/pdfs/preliminary-education-specialist-credential-mildmoderate.pdf
Moderate/Severe: http://ed.fullerton.edu/sped/_resources/pdfs/preliminary-education-specialist-credential-moderatesevere.pdf

Early Childhood:
http://ed.fullerton.edu/sped/_resources/pdfs/credential_program_plan_early_childhood_special_education.pdf
Credential Program Coordinators

Mild/Moderate Program Coordinator
Dr. Tiffany Row
trow@fullerton.edu

Moderate/Severe Program Coordinator
Dr. Erica Howell
ehowell@fullerton.edu

Early Childhood Program Coordinator
Dr. Janice Myck-Wayne
jmyck-wayne@fullerton.edu
The purpose of the intern program is to allow teachers in high-need subject areas to begin teaching:

- right away
- while earning a credential
- with extensive support

Intern Program requirements

There are two pathways to becoming an intern:

1. If you hold a single credential or multiple subject credential, have completed our program prerequisites and have successfully passed the faculty interview.

2. If you do not have hold a single subject or multiple subject credential, you will need to complete the three prerequisites as well as SPED 421 and one of the following: SPED 400 for EC, SPED 463 for MM or SPED 464 for MS. In addition, you will need to successfully pass the faculty interview.
Residency Requirements

- 75% of all prerequisite and credential coursework must be completed at Cal State Fullerton.

- If you have taken a course at another University or College that you feel is equivalent to one of the courses in our program, you MUST fill out an equivalency petition before you can be admitted.

  - Typically, equivalency will be granted only for prerequisite courses
  - The SPED Equivalency Petition may be found at
    http://ed.fullerton.edu/sped/_resources/pdfs/course-equivalency-petition.pdf

  - Equivalency Petitions are submitted to the Chair of Special Education, Dr. Melinda Pierson. Only the Chair of Special Education may approve equivalency petitions.
Clear Program

- Once you have completed a Preliminary credential program, you can choose to complete our clear program.
- The clear advisors are:
  - Dr. Tiffany Row- Mild/Moderate
  - Dr. Erica Howell- Moderate/Severe
  - Dr. Janice Myck-Wayne- Early Childhood
Bilingual Authorization

- Available in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese and Mandarin.

- For more information, please contact Dr. Fernando Rodriguez-Valls at frodriguez-valls@fullerton.edu.
MSE Concentration in Special Education

- Prepares you for leadership roles in schools
- Advances your skills in using research to improve teaching and learning
- Increases your earning power in birth-adult education settings, as well as in higher-education
MSE Requirements

- University and department admission
- GPA of 3.0 or above & Official Transcripts
- Three confidential university faculty recommendations. *Must use template.*
- Successful passage of interview
- Completion of SPED 501 when admitted (fall or spring)
- Approval of the master’s study plan by university graduate study
Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Complete the FAFSA first: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- More financial aid and scholarship information
  - [http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/award/](http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/award/)
  - Dianna Lopez, Assistant Dean
  - 657.278.5057 or dialopez@fullerton.edu

Program Cost:

- Check out the cost of the Credential and Master’s Programs by clicking on this link: [https://sfs.fullerton.edu/services/fees/TuitionAndCampusFees.php](https://sfs.fullerton.edu/services/fees/TuitionAndCampusFees.php)
The Center for Careers in Teaching

• Are you an undergrad? The CCT is the place for you!
• The CCT offers:
  • Comprehensive academic advising for undergraduate students interested in teaching.
  • Information and resources related to Cal State Fullerton teacher education programs.
  • CBEST & CSET prep resources.
  • Study space, computer lab, free printing and snacks.

Location: Education Classroom Building (EC), room 379
Phone: (657) 278-7130
Website: http://ed.fullerton.edu/cct
Email: askcct@fullerton.edu
Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-5:00pm
Friday: 8:00am-4:30pm
Important Websites

- SPED Department: [http://ed.fullerton.edu/sped/](http://ed.fullerton.edu/sped/)
- University admissions: [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply)
- $50 Department Processing Fee: [https://coepay.fullerton.edu/ated/](https://coepay.fullerton.edu/ated/)
- Certificate of Clearance: [https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl900.pdf?sfvrsn=b6bd8b52_2](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl900.pdf?sfvrsn=b6bd8b52_2)
- CBEST: [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com)
- CSET: [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com)
- Open University: [http://ou.fullerton.edu/](http://ou.fullerton.edu/)
- Extended Ed: [http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Educators](http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Educators)
- CSUF Career Center: [www.fullerton.edu/career](http://www.fullerton.edu/career)
- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing: [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov)
- Center for Careers in Teaching: [www.fullerton.edu/cct](http://www.fullerton.edu/cct)
- Financial Services: [http://sfs.fullerton.edu](http://sfs.fullerton.edu)
Your Success is Your Responsibility

- **Be sure to submit all documentation!**
  - Make sure you have submitted transcripts for ALL universities attended for both the University and the Program applications; complete your file!!!
  - Make sure you submit examination scores as soon as you receive them. Have them sent to you not the university.

- **Keep copies of all documentation for your own files.**
  - We do not provide copies.

- **Plan to attend Preorientation and Orientation Meetings**
  - Dates will be posted on the website!

- **Stay on track by:**
  - Following your Credential Program Requirement Plan!
  - Reviewing the Education Specialist Credential Program Handbook before each semester begins.
  - Communicating with your Program Coordinator if you have any questions.
Apply to the university at www.calstate.edu/apply
- $50 Credential Program Processing Fee: http://coepay.fullerton.edu/ated/

Apply to the Special Education Credential/Graduate Program
- Rolling deadlines: Fall: Feb. 15, March 15, April 15
  Spring: Sept. 15, Oct. 15, Nov. 15

Submit all admission items. When your file is complete, you are eligible for an interview.
Your “To Do” List (cont.)

Print out your program plan found on the department website and complete the required prerequisite coursework.

Meet Intern Readiness requirements if you are interested in doing an internship.

Complete the FAFSA application at least 12 weeks before you plan to begin the program.

Get ready for a life-changing experience.
Verification of Online Overview

- I have read through all of the power point slides.
- I have printed out my program plan from the Department Website.

I have completed the items above.

Sign and date: ____________________________

Please print out this signed form and submit with your file items.