

EDUCATION SPECIALIST: EXTENSIVE SUPPORT NEEDS (ESN) CREDENTIAL

CAREER OPTIONS

With an Extensive Support Needs (ESN) Credential, you can find employment as a:

- TK-12 Education Specialist in separate or inclusive settings
- Private School Teacher
- Transition Specialist (ages 18-22)

With a Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching (MASET), you can find employment as a:

- Curriculum Development Specialist
- Education Consultant
- Curriculum Evaluator



HOW TO APPLY

You must apply via [Cal State Apply](#) after reviewing the [Multiple Subject Application Instructions](#).

All applications open **August 1st**.

Scan below for Application Information.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DESCRIPTION

The Extensive Support Needs (ESN) Credential authorizes the holder to provide instruction and special education support as well as conduct Educational Assessments related to student's access to the academic core curriculum. The ESN program offers fully online courses complemented by in-person fieldwork.

Upon successful recommendation of Teaching Credential, candidates will have the option to complete an additional sequence of five Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching (MASET) courses. Candidates will critically examine sociocultural and sociopolitical contexts in education, apply these analyses to develop and implement standards-based, inclusive curricula for diverse learners, and complete a Teacher Action Research Project using practice-based methods. A separate application is required to begin the MASET program.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate respect and support for the diversity and dignity of all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, language, socioeconomic status, religion, gender, national origin, abilities, family composition, and sexual orientation
- Facilitate collaboration among general educators, special educators, families, related services personnel, and community agencies to educate students in inclusive settings
- Utilize innovative and evidence-based practices for assessment and evaluation, program planning, curriculum, educational interventions, positive behavioral supports and transition aimed at the development of life-long learners
- Demonstrate the core values of student advocacy, teacher advocacy, cultural competence, and family-centered, transdisciplinary collaboration
- Be effective agents of systems change and promoters of social justice in their schools, programs, communities, and professional disciplines
- Critically analyze and apply knowledge of teacher action research approaches and designs to determine tools and methods of data collection to conduct thesis research.
- Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate types of data analysis used in teacher action research/classroom inquiry and of how critical analysis can be used interpret data in diverse school and community settings.
- Explain how data analysis and interpretation informs teacher practices, curriculum development, and/or education policy to support educational systems change efforts.
- Apply critical and independent thinking to present research question(s), literature related to the research topic, data collection methods and tools, data analysis, and implications of the research results in both written and oral formats.

PATHWAY OPTIONS

- Fall admission only – Fully online program
- Summer start + 2 semesters (full-time)

CONTINUATION WITH MASTERS PATHWAY

- Summer + 2 semesters (part-time) MASET coursework
- Candidate who wishes to pursue the MASET coursework have 7 years after completion of Credential program to return.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Overall GPA of 2.5 (or 2.75 in last 60 semester / 90 quarter units)
- Prerequisite Courses
- Minimum of 45 hours experience working with diverse learners within the age group/population you want to teach – strongly recommended
- 2 references (on required forms)
 - Academic
 - Experience with children
- Essay
- Certificate of Clearance (background check with fingerprinting)
- Group Interview

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Course (units)	Title
EDUC 100A/B (3)	Educating Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Settings
EDUC 170 (3)	Bilingual Education: Educating English Learners

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Advising

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

CORE CREDENTIAL COURSES (60-61 Units)

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDSP 119	3	Legal and Social Foundations of Inclusive Education
EDSP 205	3	Methods in Access and Inclusion in the GE Curriculum: Students with Extensive Support Needs (ESN)
EDSP 206*	3	Collaborative Program Planning & Families, Professionals and Communities
EDSP 207	2	Secondary/Post-Secondary Methods and Transition Planning: ESN
EDSP 208*	3	Positive Behavioral Supports and Evidence-Based Practices for Youth with Autism and Related Issues
EDSP 209*	3	Developing Augmentative Alternative Communication Systems: Assessment and Intervention
EDSP 217	3	Positive Behavioral Support: Effective Individual, Class-wide and School-wide Applications
EDSP 218*	3	Advanced Program Planning/Instruction: Students with Extensive Support Needs/Multiple Disabilities
EDSP 220	3	Language and Literacy in Inclusive Classrooms I
EDSP 221	3	Language and Literacy in Inclusive Classrooms II
EDSP 235	3	Curriculum and Instruction Methods for Students with ESN
EDSP 238	3	Culminating Seminar for Education Specialist
EDSP 292*	3	Teaching English Learners with Disabilities
EDSP 293	3	Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms
EDSP 413	5	Field Experience I: Students with Extensive Support Needs
EDSP 414	6	Field Experience II: Students with Extensive Support Needs
EDSP 415	8	Student Teaching: Students with Extensive Support Needs
or EDSP 421	9	Intern Teaching I: Students with Extensive Support Needs

COURSES FOR MASET (taken in summer & 2 part-time semesters)

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDSP 281	6	Critical Special Education: Teacher Research and Practice
EDSP 282	3	Classroom Inquiry Methods in Critical Special Education
EDSP 283	3	Critical Analysis and Interpretation of Classroom Inquiry
EDSP 500	3	Classroom Inquiry/Action Research Portfolio- Culminating Experience

* Course can also count towards Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching