

# MILD TO MODERATE SUPPORT NEEDS (MMSN) EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL WITH MASTER OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING

## CAREER OPTIONS

With a Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) Teaching Credential, you can find employment as a:

- TK-12 Education Specialist in separate or inclusive settings
- Private School Teacher
- Transition Specialist

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

Submit your [Cal State Apply Application](#). All application open **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Download the [MMSN Application Instructions](#) to learn how to apply.

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### DESCRIPTION

The Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) 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 MASET program focuses on inquiry-based education which includes hands-on instruction with problem-based learning and issues-centered curriculum and a focus on reflection during the teaching and research process.

The program foundation rests in social justice and equity in education for all children and youth, including those with disabilities, and their families. The materials and associated activities presented in the MASET coursework are highly integrated to support candidates with successful completion of the Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching degree.

### 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 and 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/apply knowledge of teacher action research approaches/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
- 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

### PROGRAM OPTIONS

- Summer start + 2 semester option OR 4 to 5 semester Fall start pathway option
- Opportunities to be a traditional student, resident, or Intern

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Subject Matter Competency
- 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
PUBH 136 (2)	School Health Education
EDUC 100A/B (3)	Educating Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Settings
EDUC 170 (3)	Bilingual Education: Educating English Learners

## CONTACT US

### Teaching Credentials Department

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### Advising

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## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### CORE CREDENTIAL COURSES (53-55 Units)

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDSP 119	3	Legal and Social Foundations of Inclusive Education
EDSP 209*	3	Developing Augmentative & Alternative Communication Systems: Assessment and Intervention
EDSP 217	3	Foundations of Positive Behavioral Supports: Creating Safe and Engaging Learning Environments
EDSP 220	3	Language and Literacy in Inclusive Classrooms I
EDSP 221*	3	Language and Literacy in Inclusive Classrooms II
EDSP 225*	3	Assessment and Evaluation for Students with Mild to Moderate Disabilities
EDSP 229	3	Curriculum and Instruction Strategies for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities
EDSP 230*	3	Positive Behavior and Social-Emotional Supports for Students with Mild to Moderate Support Needs
EDSP 231	2	Assistive and Instructional Technologies for Students with Mild to Moderate Support Needs
EDSP 232	1	Initial Seminar: Reflective Teaching Practice, Collaboration, & Communicative Competence
EDSP 237	3	Transition Strategies for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities
EDSP 238	3	Culminating Seminar for Education Specialist Candidates
EDSP 292*	3	Teaching English Learners with Disabilities
EDSP 293	3	Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms
EDSP 314	3	Mathematics Curriculum and Instruction for Diverse Learners
EDSP 471	4	Mild to Moderate Support Needs: Field Experience
EDSP 472	7	Mild to Moderate Support Needs: Student Teaching
or EDSP 473	9	Mild to Moderate Support Needs: Intern Teaching

### 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