ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Preliminary Education Specialist Credential in Moderate/Severe

College of Education, San Diego State University

- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Candidates must hold a bachelor’s degree before entering the credential program

- **GPA Requirement**
  - The teaching credential program requires a minimum 2.67 over GPA or 2.75 GPA in your last 60 semester/90 quarter units

- **Basic Skills Requirement (CBEST)**
  - Take and provide passing scores to the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) prior to entering the credential program. CBEST website: [www.ctcexams.nesinc.com](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com)

- **Subject Matter Competency**
  - **Option one**: take and provide passing scores to the California Subject Examinations for Teachers in Multiple Subject (MS-CSET). CSET website: [www.ctcexams.nesinc.com](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com)
  
  - **Option two**: take and provide passing scores to the California Subject Examinations for Teachers in one of these core academic subjects: **Math, Science, Social Science or English**. Single Subject CSET website: [www.ctcexams.nesinc.com](http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com)

Please note that CSET results are valid for five years. All candidates must apply for their teaching credential prior to the expiration of their CSET scores. Admission to the internship credential program may require proof of MS-CSET.

- **Prerequisite Coursework**
  - Coursework to be taken and passed with grade of “C” or better in the last seven years prior to beginning the credential program. These courses cannot be taken concurrently with the program.
    - SPED 500- Human Exceptionality (3 units)
    - SPED 501- Typical & Atypical Learning Processes (3 units)
    - SPED 502- Field Experiences in General and Special Education (1 unit)
    - SPED 527- SPED in a Pluralistic Society (3 units)
    - SPED 525- Characteristics of Students with Moderate/Severe Disabilities (3 units, **Fall only**)
      - Because this course is not offered in the summer or spring, student may take this course concurrently with the credential program course work in the first Fall semester.
    - DLE915A/DLE915B- Teaching and Learning in the Content Area: ELD/SDAIE (3 units)

Non-SDSU students may enroll in prerequisite courses through Open University with the College of Extended Studies ([http://www.ces.sdsu.edu/](http://www.ces.sdsu.edu/)). Most prerequisite courses will be offered through Open University in the summer sessions.

- **Certificate of Clearance**
  - State regulations require fingerprinting and background check before you may be placed in a California public classroom.
    - Note: Clearance process could take up to six months (On average takes one month)

- **Tuberculin Clearance**
  - Verification of a negative TB test must be valid and on file throughout the credential program.

- **Exit Requirements:**
  - Health Education for Teacher (TE280 at SDSU) and valid CPR training for adult/child/infant
  - U.S Constitution course work or exam (CSU grad will meet this requirement)
  - RICA examination (not required for Early Childhood)
  - Successful completion of the credential coursework with a minimum grade point average of 3.0

We encourage you to speak with a credential advisor at least once throughout your application process.

SDSU Prospective Credential Program Advising

[teach.sdsu.edu](http://teach.sdsu.edu)

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Updated: Summer 2018 (OSS, JDF)  Fall 2019 Admission Checklist
Fall 2019 Admission: October 1, 2018- March 1, 2019

Apply Online!
- Located: [http://go.sdsu.edu/education/admissions/graduate-admissions.aspx](http://go.sdsu.edu/education/admissions/graduate-admissions.aspx)
- Deadline Date: March 1, 2019
- What to expect on the application:
  - Personal contact information
  - Transcripts
  - Written personal narrative/statement
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Attaching electronic copies of several documents
  - Short personal video
  - Application fee

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**Preliminary Education Specialist Moderate/Severe Program of Study**

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Petitions to substitute a prerequisite course may be approved. A petition for waiver request form must be submitted with supporting materials (course syllabus & copy of transcript) for department review at any time prior to the supplemental department application deadline.

Petition Form: [http://go.sdsu.edu/education/sped/files/00700-form_petition_for_substitution_waiver.pdf](http://go.sdsu.edu/education/sped/files/00700-form_petition_for_substitution_waiver.pdf)

Contact Information for Special Education Faculty Advisor: [http://go.sdsu.edu/education/sped/advising.aspx](http://go.sdsu.edu/education/sped/advising.aspx)