Preliminary Mild/Moderate Education Specialist Credential

Admission Requirements Checklist

☐ Application for Admission with $50.00 application fee.  Online application OR paper application for Bakersfield and Santa Clarita.

☐ Statement of Purpose. This handwritten statement should focus on your personal background and passions around working with special needs individuals.

☐ Three letters of recommendation on official school or business letterhead. The letters should address the following areas:
  1. Support for your ability to work with children.
  2. Support for your academic ability.
  3. Support for your interest in working in Special Education.

☐ Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution with a 2.7 or above undergraduate GPA. Official transcripts should be sent directly to the University of La Verne by the institution.

☐ A personal interview with the program chair or designated faculty member.

☐ A passing score on CBEST, or passing score on equivalent basic skills test approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC).

☐ A passing score on CSET: Multiple Subject.

☐ Verification of current TB clearance (issued within the past two years.)

☐ A current Certificate of Clearance or copy of a Substitute Teaching Permit issued by CCTC. An applicant with a Substitute Permit must renew the permit annually to keep it current.

☐ An approved course covering Health Education/Drug Prevention/Sexually Transmitted Diseases. *

☐ An approved course for U.S. Constitution or verification of passing an approved college-level exam. *

☐ An approved public speaking course. *

☐ EDUC 407 Learning Technology for Educators.

☐ High-speed internet access.

☐ Successful completion of professional writing for Education Specialist experience during the first semester or first two terms of the program.

* If you think you have passed equivalent courses, you may submit a course substitution or waiver form along with the official transcripts and syllabi for evaluation.

If a candidate is working toward completion of an admission requirement, such as CSET, the candidate may be admitted to the program with the stipulation that the outstanding requirement be passed prior to the Area of Concentration.

Please send your admission materials to the designated person for your program location.

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Select Admission Information under the title Prospective Students.