

WHITTIER COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS: K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION PATHWAY

First and Sophomore Year Requirements

CHDV 105 Intro to Child Development or PSY 242 Child Psychology

PLSC 110 American Government and Politics

EDUC 300 Sociological and Historical Perspective in Education

Suggested Courses (Not Required)

EDUC 409 Movement in Elementary and Secondary School Physical Education

EDUC 262 Children's Literature

EDUC 67 Experiences in Elementary School Settings

Additional Required Courses: Fall Semester

EDUC 406 Learning and Learners (3 credits)

EDUC 429 Introduction to Inclusive Education (2 credits)

EDUC 402 Literacy Development in Elementary Schools (Only for mild/moderate credential, 3 credits)

EDUC 430 Foundations of Inclusive Education (3 credits)

EDUC 434 Instructional Methods for Students with Mild to Moderate Support Needs (3 credits)

Additional Required Courses: Spring Semester

EDUC 401 Teaching Diverse Learners (3 credits)

EDUC 404 Second Language Acquisition and Methodology (only for moderate/severe credential, 3 credits)

EDUC 436 Instructional Methods for Students with Extensive Support Needs (3 credits)

**Please note that if students cannot take the required courses, they may complete any remaining courses as a graduate student*

Graduate Coursework to Complete Preliminary Education Specialist Credential

EDUC 531 Assessment of Exceptional Students (3 credits)

EDUC 533 Applied Behavior Analysis in Schools (3 credits)

EDUC 512 Promoting Students Health and Safety (1 credit)

EDUC 520 Student Teaching/Internship (12 credits)

EDUC 521 Professional Development Seminar (1-2 credits) taken concurrently with EDUC 520

Additional Requirements to Complete Preliminary Education Specialist Credential

- Passage of RICA (Reading Instruction Competency Assessment Test)
- Completion of the Basic Skills Requirement, which can be met through passage of the CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test), SAT/ACT scores, and/or completing specific coursework.
- Completion of the Subject Matter Competency Requirement, which can be met through passing the CSET (California Subject Examination for Teachers), an approved Subject Matter Waiver Program, certain majors, and/or specific coursework.

For further information regarding the requirements or to schedule an appointment, contact Credential Analyst Rosa Delia Rosas, Department of Education, at (562) 907-4248.