

## EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS: K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION PATHWAY

### FIRST AND SOPHOMORE YEAR REQUIREMENTS

CHDV 105	Intro to Child Development or <b>PSY 242</b> 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
CHDV 11	Supervised Classroom Experience at Broadoaks

### ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COURSES: FALL SEMESTER

EDUC 406	Learning and Learners - 3 credits
EDUC 429	Introduction to Exceptional Learners (3 credits)
EDUC 402	Literacy Development in Elementary Schools (Only for mild/moderate credential, 3 credits, )
EDUC 430	Foundations of Special Education (3 credits)
EDUC 434	Character & Instr. Practices: Mild/Moderate Disabilities (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	Character & Instr. Practices: Moderate/Severe Disabilities (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 532	Case Management and Assistive Technology (2 credits)
EDUC 533	Creating Positive Classroom Management and Behavior Systems (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 COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL

- Passage of RICA (Reading Instruction Competency Assessment Test)
- The CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test) is a required test for all teacher credential candidates. We recommend interested students take the CBEST sometime during their undergraduate years.
- The CSET (California Subject Examination for Teachers) is required of all teacher credential candidates. Passage of the CSET satisfies "subject matter competence" for teaching. More information on these tests is available at the Department of Education and Child Development.

For further information regarding the requirements or to schedule an appointment contact Credential Analyst Rosa Delia Rosas, [rosas@whittier.edu](mailto:rosas@whittier.edu), Department of Education and Child Development, (562) 907-4248.