

**HUMBOLDT STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
School of Education**

**Education Specialist Credential  
Mild/Moderate Disabilities**

**Preliminary Level I**

**Professional Level II**



**Admission Guide**

## **Education Specialist Credential Mild/Moderate Disabilities Preliminary Level I**

Set between redwood groves and the Pacific Ocean, 270 miles north of San Francisco, Humboldt State University offers an intimate, naturally beautiful setting for your studies. HSU has a strong reputation for academic excellence and educational value.

The University has a long tradition of teacher training, dating back to 1914, when it first opened as a Normal School. Over the years, HSU has trained most of the teachers of this region while developing a reputation for innovation and close cooperation with local school districts. Today over 1,000 of the 7,500 HSU students are involved in some phase of teacher preparation (including undergraduate preparatory programs).

Humboldt's teacher preparation program enjoys positive working relationships with the local schools that accommodate our student teachers from year to year. With the cooperative efforts of excellent mentor teachers, Special Education professors, and university supervisors, you can receive the individual attention that will make your credential-year experience most rewarding.

### **Program Courses: Mild/Moderate Disabilities**

- **EDUC 377 Education of Exceptional Individuals (2)**
- **SPED 799 Foundations of General & Special Education (2)**
- **SPED 703 Foundations of Assessment & Program Planning (2)**
- **SPED 704 Fieldwork-Assessment (1)**
- **SPED 705 Multicultural Special Education (2)**
- **SPED 706 Applied Behavior Analysis for Teachers (2)**
- **SPED 707 Curriculum & Instruction –Reading And Language Arts (3)**
- **SPED 708 Practicum: Reading Instruction (1)**
- **SPED 709 Curriculum & Instruction – Math (2)**
- **SPED 710 Practicum: Math Instruction (1)**
- **SPED 711 Curriculum & Instruction – Science, History, and Social Science (1)**
- **SPED 732 Practicum: Classroom Management (1)**
- **SPED 733 Special Education Policies and Procedures (2)**
- **SPED 734 Student Teaching-Elementary Special Education (5)**
- **SPED 735 Student Teaching-Secondary Special Education (5)**
- **SPED 736 Curricular & Instructional Skills Seminar (1)**
- **SPED 737 Non-violent Crisis Intervention (1)**
- **SPED 799 Extended Student Teaching (3)**
- **SPED 799 Reading Assessment DIBELS (1)**  
**(Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Early Skills)**
- **SPED 799 Teaching in a Diverse Classroom (2)**

### **Constitution Requirement**

California requires a basic constitution course (at HSU, either PSCI 110, 210, 359, or 410) or a passing score on the U.S. Constitution Test scheduled by the Testing Center. Most CSU graduates have met this requirement.

### **RICA**

Effective January 1, 2000, California Education Code 44283 requires that candidates applying for initial Preliminary Education Specialist Credential pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)

### **Credential Options**

A California Education Specialist Credential permits teaching kindergarten through adults. This credential authorizes the teaching of individuals with specific learning disabilities, mental retardation, other health impairments, and serious emotional disturbances. Upon completing all required tests, all assessments and observations, the constitution course requirement, an accredited bachelor's degree, and the Special Education course sequence, candidates may apply for a Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential in Mild/Moderate Disabilities.

### **Competency Assessment**

In compliance with the California State University Executive Order 896, Special education applicants must demonstrate subject-matter competency before they are accepted into the special education credential program. You must pass one of the California Subject Examinations for Teachers, (CSET), Multiple Subjects, English, Math, or Science or complete an undergraduate major in English, Math, or Science approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

### **Liability Insurance**

Local school districts require that you show proof of at least \$200,000 professional liability insurance to our office. Candidates are provided this insurance as part of their enrollment in the credential program.

### **Certificate of Clearance**

Obtain a Certificate of Clearance through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (except for those applicants who have a teaching credential or an emergency credential). Live Scan and forms (included in the application packet) should be sent directly to CCTC with the appropriate fee. The state requires an affidavit or certificate of clearance must be filed with CCTC before you may be credentialed.

**Are you ready to enter the School of Education's  
Teacher Preparation Program?**

- √ Do you have (or will you soon have) a **baccalaureate degree** from a regionally accredited college/university
- √ Have you submitted a CSU postbaccalaureate application & official transcripts directly to HSU's Admissions Office? Your application will not be forwarded to the screening committee, nor will you be invited to the departmental interview phase, until Admissions receives your post-baccalaureate application.
- √ Will your cumulative grade-point average (GPA) meet or exceed 2.67 or 2.75 on last 60 semester units (on a 4.0 scale)?
- √ By the time you apply, will you be able to document at least 45 hours of early fieldwork (observation & participation) in one or more grade K-12 classrooms? You can meet this requirement through HSU's courses (EED 210, 310, SED 210, 410 or PS 791), through a comparable course at some other university, or through privately arranged experiences (approved by the coordinator) in accredited schools with credentialed teachers.
- √ Have you passed all three sections of the CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test)? [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com)
- √ Have you passed all subtests of the (CSET) Multiple Subjects, English, Math, or Science exam? [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com) Or have you completed an approved major in English, Math, or Science?
- √ Have you passed Educ 285 Technology Skills for Educators or passed the CSET Preliminary Education Technology (test codes 133 and 134) exam, or an equivalent course at another university?

If you can answer YES to these questions, you are ready to submit an application for admission to the Special Education credential program. (Please note: This is in addition to your application to HSU as a post baccalaureate student, which you send directly to the Admissions Office.)

**Costs**

<b>\$55</b>	<b>CSU application fee</b>
<b>\$3800</b>	<b>Tuition</b>
<b>\$41</b>	<b>CBEST</b>
<b>\$222</b>	<b>CSET</b>
<b>\$140</b>	<b>RICA exam (taken during program)</b>
<b>\$30</b>	<b>Liability Insurance (SCTA)</b>
<b>\$27.50</b>	<b>Certificate of Clearance</b>

**Financial Aid**

HSU's Financial Aid Office (707) 826-4321) can answer questions about loans, scholarships, and other financial aid. [www.humboldt.edu/~finaid](http://www.humboldt.edu/~finaid)

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Professional Level II**

The coursework for Level II program can be completed in one year, and is integrated with the Masters of Education program requirements.

The individual Level II induction plan form lists the academic requirements for each Education Specialist Level II credential. Candidates are reminded that they will need verification of at least two years of full-time teaching experience as a special education teacher in order to apply for the Level II credential.

The Special Education Credential Program Level II is required to be completed within 5 years of obtaining the Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential.

Candidates will obtain a Professional Level II Credential by taking a 24-unit professional development program at Humboldt State University. Under certain circumstances, a total of six units may be earned through non-university professional development activities. To enter this program, students must be employed as a special education teacher.

**Admission Requirements**

- Possess a Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential
- Verify employment in a position requiring a Education Specialist Credential
- Submit two letters of recommendation: immediate supervisor and another school administrator
- Complete the Professional Level II Education Specialist Credential program application

Contact the Education and Credentialing Office to request the application packet. Applications may be submitted at any time. The program begins in the Fall of each year.

**Program Requirements**

Professional Level II preparation is intended to enable new teachers to apply their Preliminary Level I preparation to the demands of professional positions while also fostering advanced skills and knowledge. Professional Level II includes academic requirements, an individualized induction plan with a support component, and a option to allow some requirements to be met with non-university activities. The emphasis of the professional preparation program will be to move the special educator beyond the functional aspects of teaching to more advanced knowledge and reflective thinking about his or her role in providing effective instruction and an environment for student success.

## Course Requirements

- SPED 651 Professional Development in Special Education (2) – Summer Course
- SPED 652 Advanced Studies in Assessment and Instruction (3)
- SPED 653 Advanced Studies in Consultation, Collaboration, and Transition (3)
- SPED 654 Advanced Behavioral, Emotional, and Environmental Support (3)
- SPED 661 The Reflective Special Education Practitioner (2) – Summer Course

### Emphasis Courses (6 units electives)

Candidates complete at least one of the following:

- SPED 655 Advanced Studies in Learning Disabilities (3)
- SPED 756 Advanced Studies in Severe Disabilities (3)
- SPED 757 Advanced Studies in Secondary Special Education (3)
- SPED 799 Research into Practice: Severe Disabilities (3)

Candidates may complete two of the above courses, or they may select one course from the following:

- EDUC 604 Education in Society (2)
- EDUC 624 Theories and Models of Reading and Writing (3)
- EDUC 625 Knowledge of Print: Decoding and Encoding (3)
- EDUC 626 Literary Assessment and Evaluation (3)
- EDUC 633 Pedagogy: Practice and Research (2)
- EDUC 650 Educational Psychology (2)
- SPED 799 Directed Study (3)

*Note: In accordance with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requirements, the HSU Professional Level II Credential program will allow candidates to substitute non-university activities (e.g., district-sponsored trainings, institutes, workshops) for up to six units of emphasis courses. The non-university activities may be taken for university credit, but they need not be. Candidates should consult with their HSU Level II advisor for **prior** approval of any substitutions.*

### Additional State Requirements

- HED 705 School Health Programs (3)
- EDUC 719 Teacher Computer Competency (2)

**Program Total = 24 units**

***For further information visit Our Website:***

**<http://www.humboldt.edu/~educ/credentials/specialed/specialed.html>**

Direct any questions regarding SPED program  
Requirements and procedures to:

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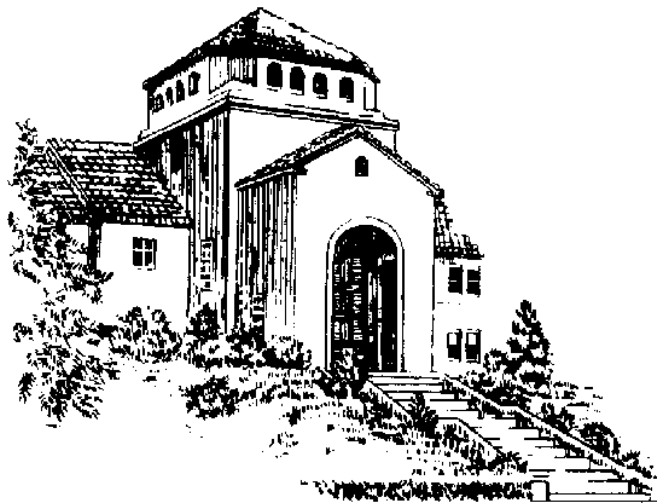
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**For questions about state credentialing requirements contact:**

Marilynn Claypool, Credential Analyst  
Academic Information & Referral Center, (707) 826-6222

Carmela Paradise, Waivers and Out-of-State Credentials

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