

Itep – Integrated Teacher Education Program Education Specialist Credential Option

The ITEP Education Specialist Option has been created to enable students to obtain both a Multiple Subject teaching credential and an Education Specialist credential to be prepared to teach diverse learners in public school settings. Students who complete this option will be credentialed to teach in both general education and special education.

Prerequisites

- **EDSP 454 (3)** - Early in your ITEP career, select this course instead of LING 329.
- **CBEST, CSET, RICA and GPA** requirements are the same as the Multiple Subject Program.
- Submit this supplemental application and your statement of intent with your ITEP Multiple Subject Program (MSCP) application, or during a subsequent application period prior to your MSCP student teaching. (See reverse for application deadlines)
- Complete a successful interview with program faculty

Special Education Requirements

(Courses taken in addition to other ITEP coursework 15-18 units)

- **EDSP 350** - Education of Exceptional Individuals (3) (Waived if student has taken EDSP 355 or EDSP 303 + EDP 180)
- **EDP 405** - Positive Strategies in Classroom Management (3)
- **EDSP 480** - Foundations of Inclusive Education in a Diverse Society: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives and Legal Mandates (3)
- **EDSP 564** - Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Disabilities (3)
- **EDSP 567** - Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Disabilities: Literacy, Communication, Social, and Physical Education (3)
- **EDSP 569** - Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Disabilities: Math, Science, Arts, and Life Skills (3)

Special Education Student Teaching

- **EDSP 587B or EDSP 588B:** Student teaching with students with Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe disabilities (6) in the special education setting. Students must first complete one semester (8 units) of EDEL 482D student teaching (16 weeks, ½ day) before EDSP 587/588B (16 weeks, all day).

Questions about the ITEP Special Education Option? Please contact Dr. Nat Hansuvadha, 562-985-4490, nhansuva@csulb.edu

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Application Instructions

This supplemental application and a faculty interview are required before you can be admitted into the professional preparation segment of the ITEP-Education Specialist program.

Submitting the Education Specialist Application with the ITEP-Multiple Subject Application:

Submit the entire Multiple Subject (MSCP) application packet, as well as this supplemental Education Specialist application and your statement of intent for the Education Specialist program to the Teacher Preparation Advising Center, ED1-67. This must be done the semester before you take EDEL 300. Be sure to complete the application in full, attach documents listed on the reverse of the MSCP application, and sign the application. Failure to do so will delay processing and may result in your not being admitted to professional preparation courses.

Submitting the Education Specialist Application After Admission to ITEP-MSCP: Attach an unofficial copy of your current CSULB transcripts with your statement of intent to this application and bring to ED1-67 before the deadline date. After your application is reviewed, you will be contacted regarding your faculty interview.

Deadlines:

- **March 1** if EDEL 300 will be taken in the following Fall semester
- **October 1** if EDEL 300 will be taken in the following Spring semester
- **August 1** if EDEL 300 will be taken in the following Fall semester

Statement of Intent: Please attach a 1-2 page statement of intent that tells us about you. We are interested in knowing the following:

- How did your interest in special education begin?
- What are your goals and how does our program fit your goals?
- What experience, training, and talents do you bring to the area of special education?

Interviews: Interviews with Education Specialist program faculty will be conducted with candidates after applications are formally reviewed. After interviews are completed, each applicant will be informed in writing of the decision of the faculty regarding acceptance into the program. Upon acceptance into the program, candidates will be assigned a faculty advisor for program advisement. All students admitted to the Education Specialist Credential Program must comply with the policies outlined in the Credentials Section of the University Catalog.

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