

# EXTENSIVE SUPPORT NEEDS CREDENTIAL: SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Education Specialist Preliminary Credential program in **Extensive Support Needs (ESN)** prepares K-12 teachers using research-based curricula and pedagogy to provide quality educational services to students with extensive support needs from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The program has as its foundation the assumption that educational services for students with disabilities should be implemented in the least restrictive environment; and the goal of those services is to teach skills and arrange educational and social settings to increase the students' ability to participate fully in school, home, and community environments.

Credential candidates in this program must demonstrate their competence in providing quality educational services to students with extensive support needs *including access to standards-based academic curricula and the use of systematic, data-based approaches to instruction and models of curricular adaptation and social supports*. Competencies in *supporting students in inclusive settings*, interacting effectively with families, and in developing educational goals using a transdisciplinary team approach are also essential components of the teacher preparation program. In addition, a three-semester sequence of clinical fieldwork and student teaching (600 total hours) ensures that teacher candidates are able to apply the knowledge and skills acquired through course content and assignments to the instruction of students with extensive support needs in urban school settings.

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### Core (24 units)

Code	Title	Units
E ED 784	Curriculum and Instruction in Mathematics (CLAD Emphasis)	3
SPED 747	Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairments	3
SPED 763	Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities	3
SPED 774	Positive Behavior Support	3
SPED 788	Law, Ethics, and Instructional Planning	3
SPED 791	Nature of the Autism Spectrum	3
SPED 801	Development, Diversity, and English Language Learners: Special Education	3
Health Education Requirement <sup>1</sup>		3

### Methods Courses (18 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 701	Education Specialist Intern Teacher Support Seminar	3
SPED 745	Environmental Design for Students with Extensive Support Needs	3
SPED 773	Methods of Assessment and Instruction for Students with Extensive Support Needs	3
SPED 787	Advanced Assessment and Instruction for Students with Extensive Support Needs	3

SPED 789	Advanced Environmental Design for Students with Extensive Support Needs	3
SPED 821	Advanced Fieldwork with Students with Extensive Support Needs	3

### Student Teaching (12 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 723	Workshop: Student Teaching Support Sessions for Extensive Support Needs or Visual Impairments	3
SPED 730	Student Teaching: Special Education	9

<sup>1</sup> A list of CTC approved health education courses is available on the department website: <https://sped.sfsu.edu/content/forms-0> (<https://sped.sfsu.edu/content/forms-0/>)