

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION CREDENTIAL: SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Education Specialist Preliminary Credential program in **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)** is committed to preparing individuals to lead and collaborate as educators in a variety of early childhood settings that include young children with disabilities. This includes settings in which children are receiving special education services through early intervention (birth – age 3) as well as within early childhood education programs (preschool, transitional kindergarten, and kindergarten). Coursework, field experiences/ student teaching (600 total hours), and other related activities within the credential program have a foundation in inclusion and equity-centered practices, emphasizing service delivery that is asset-based, culturally-responsive, and interdisciplinary. Individuals will gain knowledge and skills that will prepare them to support the learning and development of young children in partnerships with their families and communities.

Early Childhood Special Education Credential: Special Education

Core (15 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 747	Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairments	3
SPED 788	Law, Ethics, and Instructional Planning	3
Select One:		3
SPED 791	Nature of the Autism Spectrum	
SPED 825	Communication, Behavior and Instructional Supports: Autism	
SPED 801	Development, Diversity, and English Language Learners: Special Education	3
Health Education Requirement ¹		3

Advanced Methods Courses (21 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 671	Positive Behavior Support for Young Children	3
SPED 737	Inclusive Learning and Supports in Early Intervention (Infants & Toddlers)	3
SPED 738	Inclusive Curriculum Development and Supports in Early Childhood Settings (Preschool - Kindergarten)	3
SPED 777	Introduction to Disability, Development, and Equity for Young Children and Their Families	3
SPED 779	Family-Centered Practices and Services for Young Children with Disabilities	3
SPED 780	Equitable Assessment Practices for Young Children with Disabilities and Their Families	3
SPED 885	Allyship, Leadership, and Collaboration for Young Children with Disabilities	3

Clinical Fieldwork & Student Teaching (16-20 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 601	Observation and Participation in Special Education	1-3
SPED 701	Education Specialist Intern Teacher Support Seminar ²	3
SPED 729	Student Teaching Workshop: Early Childhood Special Education	1
SPED 730	Student Teaching: Special Education	9
SPED 731	Special Education Field Experience	3

¹ 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/>)

² Required only for intern teachers.