

# MILD TO MODERATE SUPPORT NEEDS CREDENTIAL: SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Education Specialist Preliminary Credential program in Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) prepares teachers to work with K-12 transition age students identified with mild to moderate support needs, including learning disabilities, English language learners with language/learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, speech and language disabilities, autism, visual or auditory processing difficulties, and mild intellectual disabilities.

The MMSN program provides instruction and applied experiences in legal issues, psychoeducational assessment, data-based decision making, instructional programming, behavior management, culturally responsive pedagogy, and collaboration and co-teaching among general and special educators to promote inclusive education. Credential candidates learn to develop close relationships with students and their families, and apply specialized techniques in numerous educational settings. In addition, 600 hours of supervised clinical fieldwork and student teaching ensures that teacher candidates are able to apply the knowledge and skills acquired through course content and assignments to the instruction of students with mild to moderate support needs in urban school settings.

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### Core (28 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
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 <sup>1</sup>		3

### Advanced Methods Courses (12 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 770	Introduction to Students with Mild/Moderate Support Needs	3
SPED 772	Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction for Students with Mild/Moderate Support Needs	3
SPED 775	Curriculum and Instruction in Elementary Special Education	3
SPED 778	Curriculum and Instruction in Secondary Special Education	3

### Clinical Fieldwork & Student Teaching (12-15 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 701	Education Specialist Intern Teacher Support Seminar <sup>2</sup>	3
SPED 726	Workshop: Student Teaching Support Sessions for Mild/Moderate Support Needs or Orientation Mobility	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/>)

<sup>2</sup> Required only for intern teachers.