

# 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 <sup>1</sup>		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 <sup>2</sup>	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

<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.