

# WHITTIER COLLEGE GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION

## REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL

**Whittier College currently offers two preliminary Education Specialist (ES) Credentials:**

- Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs
- Education Specialist: Extensive Support Needs

### Credential Coursework

- **EDUC 300/500:** Sociological & Anthropological Perspectives on Education (3 credits)
- **EDUC 401/501:** Teaching Diverse Learners (3 credits)
- **EDUC 402/502:** Literacy Development in Elementary School (3 credits)
- **EDUC 404/504:** Second Language Acquisition & Methodology (3 credits)
- **EDUC 406/506:** Learning and Learners (3 credits)
- **EDUC 412/512:** Promoting Student Health & Wellness (1 credit)
- **EDUC 429/529:** Introduction to Inclusive Learners (2 credits)
- **EDUC 430/530:** Foundations of Inclusive Education (3 credits)
- **EDUC 431/531:** Assessment of Students with Disabilities (3 credits)
- **EDUC 433/533:** Applied Behavioral Analysis in Schools (3 credits)
- **EDUC 434/534:** Instructional Methods for Students with Mild to Moderate Support Needs (3 credits)

*Note: This Methods course is taken by candidates interested in pursuing a preliminary Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs credential*

- **EDUC 436/536:** Instructional Methods for Students with Extensive Support Needs (3 credits)

*Note: This Methods course is taken by candidates interested in pursuing a preliminary Education Specialist: Extensive Support Needs credential*

### Clinical Practice

- 200 hours of early fieldwork (embedded in coursework)
- EDUC 520: Student Teaching (12 credits)
- EDUC 521: Student Teaching Seminar: Education Specialist (1 credit)

### Additional Requirements

- Child Development Course (e.g., CHDV 105 or approved alternative)
- Subject Matter Competency Requirement (through coursework, exam, or BA degree)
- Basic Skills Requirement (through coursework, exam or approved alternative)
- US Constitution Requirement (through coursework, exam or CSU degree)
- CalTPA Instructional Cycles (completed during student teaching)
- CPR Certification (Adult, Child & Infant)
- A valid Certificate of Clearance or Substitute Permit

## Important Notices

All undergraduate students are eligible to take Education courses that relate to the preliminary education specialist credential; however, taking an education course does not mean one was formally admitted into the credential program. Only students who are formally admitted into the credential program are recommended for a preliminary credential.

Undergraduate students take sections of courses at the 300 and 400 level. Graduate students take courses at the 500 level (and above). Courses taken at the undergraduate level (i.e. 300 or 400 level) do not count towards a Master of Arts in Teaching.

To be recommended for a preliminary credential, all credential requirements, including coursework, must be completed. All coursework must be completed with a B- or better. To matriculate through the credential program, cumulative GPA must be 3.0.