

## Early Childhood Special Education Credential

### Program Admission Requirements

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To apply to the Early Childhood Special Education Credential Program, complete the on-line application at Cal State Apply, <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> as a Post-Baccalaureate. A \$70 fee is required for this application. NOTE: The following list of program documents must be uploaded to Program Materials (quadrant 4) of the on-line application.

#### ATTEND AN INFORMATION MEETING

Meetings are designed to provide an overview, and inform prospective students of the requirements for admission into the Early Childhood Special Education Credential Program. Visit our website <http://coe.csusb.edu/info-sessions> for a schedule of upcoming sessions. You may attend in person or via Zoom video conference.

#### PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following program admission requirements must be completed, uploaded and submitted by the program application deadline date in order to be considered for admission to the program. NOTE: Program admissions contents cannot be retrieved or duplicated once submitted.

#### Advising Form (Other)

All applicants are required to obtain and submit a signed advising form from the Program Admission Advisor verifying applicant's attendance at an information session. For a list of available dates and times, please refer to the Information Sessions webpage at <http://coe.csusb.edu/info-sessions>. **Upload your advising form under header "Other."**

#### Transcripts (Unofficial and Official)

##### **Unofficial:**

All applicants are required to upload UNOFFICIAL transcripts from every college or university attended. Exception: If you are a CSUSB graduate, upload a note indicating you received your degree at CSUSB.

##### **Official:**

Applicants are also required to submit (1) OFFICIAL transcript from every college or university attended, with the exception of California State University, San Bernardino graduates. However, if applicant attended another institution after CSUSB, official transcripts from the institution(s) will also be required.

Official transcripts should be submitted by the program deadline date via one of the following options:

- In person or by mail to:

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO  
Jim and Judy Watson COE Student Services | CE 102/ Ami Thomas  
[5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407](https://www2.calstate.edu/apply)

- Email Electronic Transcripts to [ami.thomas@csusb.edu](mailto:ami.thomas@csusb.edu) via an official transcript delivery service.

*NOTE: Applicants who earned their degree from a foreign country must submit a foreign transcript evaluation from a state approved agency to Jim & Judy Watson Student Services, CE 102.*

### **Basic Skills Requirement**

All applicants are required to submit official verification of successful completion of the Basic Skills Requirement by the program deadline date via one of the following options:

- Official California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).
- Official CSET: Multiple Subjects plus Writing Skills Examination.
- Official CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP).
- Official CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry Level Math (ELM) Test.
- Official SAT or ACT score report.
- Official College Board Advanced Placement Examinations.

*NOTE: CBEST examination results that were sent via electronic score report with the required unique barcode can be uploaded via the document tab.*

### **Certificate of Clearance**

All applicants are required to submit verification from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (C.T.C.) of the issuance of a valid California Certificate of Clearance, credential or permit. For instructions on how to complete a Certificate of Clearance visit, [https://coe.csusb.edu/sites/csusb\\_coe/files/ctc-appform-leaf/cl900.pdf](https://coe.csusb.edu/sites/csusb_coe/files/ctc-appform-leaf/cl900.pdf).

### **Field Experience**

All applicants are required to submit documentation of at least 45 hours of field experience in a K-12 classroom via one of the following:

- Early Field Experience Verification Form,  
<http://www.calstate.edu/credentialforms/early-field-experience.pdf>
- Original letterhead signed by the authorized school personnel
- Original field log signed by the authorized school personnel

*NOTE: This does not apply to applicants that have successfully completed EELB 230 and one of the following: HD 245, HD 246, HD 247 or EELB 301 at CSUSB.*

### **Personal Statement**

All applicants are required to submit a personal statement (at least 600 – 700 words) on the following topics:

- Why do you want to become an Early Childhood Special Education school teacher?
- What in your background prepares you to be a teacher? Please be sure to address the following:

- Briefly introduce yourself and your educational background.
- Describe your motivation and interest for teaching students with special needs.
- Discuss your personal background/experience in working with children in a classroom setting. Describe personal attributes (strengths/special skills/talents/abilities) you have that will enhance you working with children.
- Discuss any other experiences that you personally consider important to help you become an effective educator.

### **Tuberculosis (TB) Test Results**

All applicants are required to submit verification of tuberculosis test results via one of the following options:

- Negative chest x-ray, the verification must include your name, the administering agency information, date a chest x-ray was performed and must specify a negative result.
- Negative TB test, the verification must include your name, the administering agency information, date the test was administered, date the test was read and must specify a negative result.

\*An official letterhead signed by the healthcare provider (Risk Assessment Questionnaires are **not** acceptable).

***NOTE: Negative TB test results are valid for four years from the date the test was read and must remain valid for the duration of the program.***

### **Recommendations**

All applicants are required to enter the names and email addresses of a minimum of two recommenders (not a family member) who are able to evaluate and address the applicant's scholastic performance and suitability for teaching. These recommendations are required to be submitted by the program deadline date. ***NOTE: Letters of recommendation will not be accepted.***

**Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)** – All applicants must have a cumulative G.P.A. of a 2.67 or a 2.75 in their last 90 quarter units.

### **Mandatory Faculty Interview**

Applicants who have submitted all admission requirements will receive notification, (with 10 business days from the date of submission), via their MyCoyote email to schedule a mandatory faculty interview. **NOTE:** A successful faculty interview is required for admission.

**Pre-requisite coursework: ESPE 5530 & ESPE 5531**

**Pre-Service Internship coursework: ESPE 5514**