**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

**Preliminary Specialist Credential in Early Childhood Special Education**

**4-SEMESTER OPTION**

After completion of the Preliminary credential, candidates are eligible to take teaching positions. Following employment as a special education teacher, candidates have five years to complete the Clear Professional Credential.

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<td>16 units</td>
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- **SPED 500 (Human Exceptionality)** — 3 units
- **SPED 501** (Typical & Atypical Learning Processes) — 3 units
- **SPED 502 (Field Experiences in General and Special Education)** — 1 unit
- **SPED 528*** (Young Children with Disabilities and Their Families) — 3 units
- **SPED 527# (SPED in a Pluralistic Society)** — 3 units
- **DLE 915A/B# (Teaching and Learning in the Content Area: English Language Development/SDAIE)** — 3 units

**Notes:**

* Students may major in Liberal Studies but are encouraged to enter from Child Development or related majors. Students from Liberal Studies must show evidence of the courses in CFD or their equivalent from another college or university. The CSET is not required.

**Courses in this column are available to upper division undergraduate students.**

**Not required for candidates who possess a Multiple Subject or Single-Subject Teaching Credential from a California program sponsor. Individuals who acquired their Multiple Subjects or Single Subjects equivalent credentials outside of California are required to have a course in educational psychology or take this class or submit substitution forms proving course of a similar content was successfully completed at another institution.**

***Because it will not be offered in summer, students are admitted to the program in Fall must take SPED 528 concurrently with Semester I courses.**

# Not required for candidates who possess a Multiple or Single Subjects credential inclusive of CLAD or EL authorization.

Candidates for the Preliminary credential must demonstrate knowledge of principles and provisions of U.S. Constitution through successful completion of a 3-unit college level course or examination. For further clarification contact the Office of Student Services at (619) 594-6320.

Candidates for the Preliminary credential must complete a course in **Health Education**, including, but not limited to, nutrition, the physiological and sociological effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and use of tobacco. This requirement must include verification of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which covers **infant and child to adult** CPR skills. **SDSU course TE 280.** For further clarification contact the Office of Student Services at (619) 594-6320.

Petitions to Substitute or Waive course(s) must be turned in the semester prior to being admitted to the credential program.

San Diego State University—Department of Special Education

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