



M.A. Special Education & Credential

Launching Lives of Purpose

Notre Dame de Namur University has long been recognized for the excellence of our programs in education. Presently ndnu education department offers two education specialist credentials: mild/moderate or moderate/severe. Both provide the option to add the master of arts in special education. Many of our alumni are active teachers and administrators in San Mateo County and throughout the peninsula. Personalized attention and individualized advising for students, field oriented programs and successful placement of credential graduates have characterized the teacher education program since its inception in 1953.

DISTINCTIONS OF SPED PROGRAM

Students complete the 44-unit credential and add the MA in Special Education by taking one 3-unit capstone course.

- General education teachers can add the special education credential with a master's degree by taking 30 units.
- School of Education faculty bring diverse academic and practical expertise teachers and administrators in public and private schools into their advising and instruction.

Graduate Programs that Transform Careers.

NDNU's Education Specialist Credential with a Master of Arts in Special Education prepares students to teach in special education settings in public and private schools, K-12 and up to age 22. Mild/Moderate credential holders teach students in resource specialist programs, students in special day classes for learning disabilities, and some full inclusion students. Moderate/Severe credential holders will be able to teach students whose needs are more severe.

FOUNDATIONS

- Psychological and developmental foundations
- Sociological and multicultural foundations
- Foundations for teaching English language learners
- Health education

COURSES

- Program Management; Counseling in Special Education; Clinical Assessment; Technology in Special Education; 2 semesters of student/intern teaching seminar
- Curriculum and instruction courses; all candidates
- Reading/Language arts: primary grades; Reading / Language Arts: upper grades
- Curriculum and instruction courses: mild/moderate credential
- Elementary mathematics; elementary science; elementary social science; curriculum modifications: mild/moderate
- Curriculum and instruction courses: moderate/severe
- Teaching students with motor, sensory, & health needs; core curriculum access for students with severe disabilities; curriculum modifications: moderate/severe

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Provide verification of 40 hours experience with K-12 children/youth
- Verification of meeting California basic educational skills requirements or registration for CBEST test
- Verification of meeting California subject matter requirement of registration for CSET test
- Statement of Intent describing your interest, experience, link to our mission, qualifies you bring to the program

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- CTC Certificate of Clearance (fingerprint clearance)
- Provide a copy of negative tb test result within last 2 years
- Provide verification of meeting the U.S. Constitution requirement by exam, course work, or CSU degree
- Complete CPR training for infant, child, and adult
- Personal interview with program director

Streamlined Admissions. See how simple it is to get started.

When you are ready to take that next step in advancing your career, contact us to learn how we can be the catalyst to make it happen sooner. Accepting applications year-round.

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