California State University Channel Islands

Program Modification

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Program Area: Special Education-Education Semester / Year First affected: Fall 2010

Instructions: Please use this <u>Program Modification</u> form for changes to existing program requirements, units, outcomes, emphases or options, or for other programmatic concerns. For minor changes (faculty or address changes, additions of approved electives, minor editing for clarity, and other minor updates) use the <u>Program Update</u> form, available at the Curriculum website.

Paste the latest approved version of your entire program in the left AND right boxes below. Make your deletions in the LEFT column by using the strikeout feature in Word or underlining, and highlight. Insert new language or other changes to the program on the RIGHT and highlight in YELLOW for easy identification. If possible, please align the two columns so that changes appear side-by-side with the original text.

CURRENTLY APPROVED PROGRAM

PROPOSED PROGRAM

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- 3. Subject Matter Preparation. The CSU Channel Islands Liberal Studies Option Teaching and Learning best prepares students for the subject matter knowledge and skills required for the Education Specialist Teaching Credential Program. Students may also complete a state-approved multiple subjects subject matter program from other California colleges or universities. Students who have not completed a state-approved subject matter program must pass a California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) in any content area or Multiple Subjects Assessment for Teachers (MSAT) prior to admission to the Education Specialist Credential Program. The CSET or MSAT examination results are valid for five years from the date of passing and must be valid upon final completion of the program Subject matter requirements are currently being revised by the CCTC.

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SPED 345 Individuals with Disabilities in Society (3)

EDUC 520 Observing and Guiding Behavior in Multilingual/Multicultural and Inclusive Classrooms (3)

EDUC 521 Field Experience (1)

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- Grade Point Average. A student must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.67 or 2.75 in the last 60 semester units completed. If a student does not have the required GPA, conditional admission may be available on a limited basis.
- 7. Health Clearance. Evidence of a negative tuberculin test is required. The tuberculin test is valid for four (4) years and must be valid through student teaching. The tuberculin test may be completed at a private physician's office, the County Health Department, or the CSUCI Student Health Center.
- 8. Certificate of Clearance. Students must possess or apply for a valid Certificate of Clearance as part of admission to the Teaching Credential Program. A copy of an emergency permit satisfies the clearance requirement. The Certificate of Clearance is a background check and clearance conducted by the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Official Transcripts. One official set of transcripts from each of the colleges or universities attended must be mailed directly to the CSU Channel Islands Admissions and Records.
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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- 1. EDUC 510 is being replaced by SPED 530 as a pre-requisite to the credential program
- 2. SPED 541 is being changed to a 3 unit course
- 3. SPED 542 has changes to student learning outcomes and course content
- 4. SPED 543 and SPED 544 are being changed to 4 unit courses
- 5. SPED 570 and SPED 580 are being changed to 6 units each.
- 6. SPED 581 is being changed from a 1 unit seminar to a 2 unit seminar
- 7. EDMS 526 is being taken out of the program
- 8. EDUC 538 (K-12 Literacy) is in place of EDMS 522 (Literacy 1)
- 9. The total units for the program are increasing by 2 units

JUSTIFICATION

All changes being made in the Education Specialist Level 1 program are being made to enable us to better meet the new standards set by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Replacing EDUC 510 with SPED 530 is allowing us to cover development and theories of development and learning in one course, thus meeting new standards related to typical and atypical development. SPED 541, SPED 543 and SPED 544 are being increased in units to account for the great emphasis on teaching methodology in the new standards. We have also seen in our program assessment data that students feel these courses should be given more time due to the extent of the materials. EDMS

526 is being removed from the program reluctantly due to the fact that the standards do not reflect the content currently covered in EDMS 526. The content that is necessary for students will be covered in SPED 544. EDMS 522 is being replaced with a wider ranging literacy class EDUC 538 that will cover literacy across K-12 grades, the grades Ed Spec are credentialed to teach at the close of the program. SPED 581 is being increased to a 2 unit seminar to create a place for student evaluation to take place. Education Specialists are not currently required to complete the state required assessment (TPA's or PACT), but the Commission is preparing for this requirement. It is our intent to begin conducting similar assessments in the Education Specialist program in preparation for this requirement. We also received informal feedback during our accreditation visit in spring of 2009 that our program assessment should be more comprehensive. The last change is the change in units for student teaching, SPED 570 and SPED 580, this change is necessary to allow both first and second semester student teaching experiences to have equal value. This change also brings the Education Specialist program into alignment with the Single Subjects and Multiple Subjects programs which will allow for greater integration across programs.

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