

Special Education Credential



Join NDNU To Make A Lasting Impact

NDNU is renowned for its education programs, offering credentials in Mild Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) and Extensive Support Needs (ESN) specializations, with an option to pursue a Master of Arts (MA) in Special Education. Since 1953, the program has been recognized for its personalized support, field-based learning, and successful graduate outcomes.

CA Education Specialist Specialist credential (MMSN, ESN)

Complete Capstone class to get the Master of Arts (MA) in Special Education.



Why NDNU?



Earn your accredited degree within 18-months



Experience flexible 8-week hybrid or 100% online courses



Thrive in small classes that promote interactive, hands-on learning



Scholarships and financial aid available



Learn from a diverse faculty with real-world expertise



PPHOA grant covers teacher candidate fees, including LiveScan, CSET and TPA prep and test reg, and CTC application (up to \$1500)

Graduate Programs that Transform Careers

Our Education Specialist Credential program prepares candidates to work with special education students in K-12 settings and up to age 22, focusing on mild/moderate support needs (MMSN) or extensive support needs (ESN). The program covers diverse settings including resource rooms, special education settings, general education settings, special schools, home/hospital settings, and more! Candidates gain proficiency in critical knowledge, assessment, and specialized instruction. Additionally, they can earn a master's degree in special education by completing the Capstone class and portfolio requirements.

Distinctions of the Program

- Tuition is \$595 per unit for a total program cost of \$26,180
- Students complete the 44-unit credential and add the Master of Arts (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

Admissions Requirements

- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Letter of Intent (Personal Statement)
- Official Transcripts (Proof of BA)
- Interview with a Program Director
- Program-specific requirements as noted in the Catalog including verification of California subject matter competency prior to beginning student teaching

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

Learn More

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About NDNU

Founded over 170 years ago, NDNU is an WSCUC accredited, private, Catholic, co-educational master's and undergraduate degree completion university, located on the San Francisco Peninsula in Silicon Valley. NDNU broadens the perspective and outlook of its students by exposing them to peers with diverse backgrounds, cultures and world views.