



EDMX 572
Education Specialist – Clinical Practice: Special Education Settings
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Conceptual Framework Theme: Engaging diverse communities through leading and learning for social justice.

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School of Education Mission & Vision Statement

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Vision

To serve the educational needs of local, regional, and global communities, the School of Education advances innovative practice and leadership by generating, embracing, and promoting equitable and creative solutions.

Mission

The mission of the School of Education community is to collaboratively transform education. We:

- Create community through partnerships
 - Promote and foster social justice and educational equity
 - Advance innovative, student-centered practices
 - Inspire reflective teaching and learning
 - Conduct purposeful research
 - Serve the School, College, University, and Community
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Basic Tenets of our Conceptual Framework

- Student centered education
 - Research and theory specific to the program field inform practice
 - Connections and links between coursework and application
 - Strong engagement between faculty and candidates
 - Co-teaching clinical practice
 - Culturally responsive pedagogy and socially just outcomes
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Observations and teaching in special education setting in selected schools under the supervision of a credentialed special education teacher and university supervisor. Includes participation in a student teaching seminar. *May not be taken for credit by students who have received credit for EDMX 562 OR EDMS 571. Prerequisite: Successful completion of program prescribed coursework.*

Course Objectives:

Candidates will:

- assess and instruct students of various ages (Kindergarten to 22 years of age) and cultural/linguistic backgrounds with mild/moderate disabilities including students eligible under the federal disability categories of autism spectrum disorder, specific learning disabilities, mild to moderate mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, and other health impairments (e.g., attention deficit disorder).
- demonstrate successful performance of the Mild/Moderate Education Specialist Teaching Performance Expectations as assessed using the *Cal State San Marcos Mild/Moderate Teaching Performance Expectations Clinical Practice Assessment* observation form.

Student learning outcome assessment methods:

Observations by university supervisor of clinical performance objectives and the 2010 California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) Mild/Moderate Education Specialist Program Standards and the Mild/Moderate Education Specialist Teaching Performance Expectations (ES TPEs).

Observations by the school-based cooperating teacher of clinical performance objectives and the CCTC Mild/Moderate ES TPEs.

Completion of an Individualized Transition Development Plan (ITDP) summarizing strengths and needs for continued professional growth regarding the Mild/Moderate ES TPEs. The ITDP is developed with input from the candidate's university supervisor and cooperating teacher and is approved and signed by the candidate, the candidate's university supervisor, and the Education Specialist credential program coordinator or designee.

Required Materials

Because this is a supervised clinical experience, the materials for this class include the *Cal State San Marcos Mild/Moderate Teaching Performance Expectations Clinical Practice Assessment* observation form and the *Cal State San Marcos Preliminary Education Specialist Moderate/Severe Individualized Transition Development Plan* that may be found on the School of Education website for clinical practice, along with the other forms used in clinical practice.

TaskStream Enrollment and Postings

The School of Education uses TaskStream to manage candidates' TPE, clinical practice, signature assignment, and disposition assessments. Candidates must be enrolled in TaskStream throughout the Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Education Specialist program(s). Enrollment fees are paid by going to www.taskstream.com and registering for at least one year. Concurrent candidates and candidates completing both the Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe credentials should enroll for at least two years. After enrolling, to access the Education Specialist program, from your home page, find the Self-Enrollment area and click the Enter Code button. Then enter edspecialist as the program code. If this is the correct program, click the Enroll button. The Education Specialist program, Prelim Mild/Mod & Mod/Sev Ed Spec Credential 2013 now will show up on your TaskStream home page when you log in. Be sure to remember your enrollment name and password.

Authorization to Teach English Learners

This credential program has been specifically designed to prepare teachers for the diversity of languages often encountered in California public school classrooms. The authorization to teach English learners is met through the infusion of content and experiences within the credential program, as well as additional coursework. Students successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners.

(Approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 02)

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

California Teacher Performance Assessment (CalTPA)

Beginning July 1, 2008 all California credential candidates must successfully complete a state-approved system of teacher performance assessment (TPA), to be embedded in the credential program of preparation. At CSUSM this assessment system is called the CalTPA or the TPA for short.

To assist your successful completion of the TPA, a series of informational seminars are offered over the course of the program. TPA related questions and logistical concerns are to be addressed during the seminars. Your attendance to TPA seminars will greatly contribute to your success on the assessment.

Additionally, SoE classes use common pedagogical language, lesson plans (lesson designs), and unit plans (unit designs) in order to support and ensure your success on the TPA and more importantly in your credential program.

The CalTPA Candidate Handbook, TPA seminar schedule, and other TPA support materials can be found on the SoE website: <http://www.csusm.edu/education/CalTPA/ProgramMaterialsTPA.html>. Note that TaskStream enrollment is required for a candidate to submit any of the four TPA assessments.

Assessment of Professional Dispositions

Assessing a candidate's dispositions within a professional preparation program recognizes that teaching and working with learners of all ages requires not only specific content knowledge and pedagogical skills, but positive attitudes about multiple dimensions of the profession. The School of Education has identified six dispositions – social justice and equity, collaboration, critical thinking, professional ethics, reflective teaching and learning, and life-long learning - and developed an assessment rubric.

For each disposition, there are four levels of performance - *unacceptable*, *approaches target*, *meets target*, and *meets advanced target*. The rubric for the levels of performance offers measurable behaviors and examples for each disposition. The assessment of dispositions includes a self-assessment by the candidate and is designed to provide candidates with ongoing feedback for their growth in professional disposition. Based upon assessment feedback, each candidate set dispositional goals in the *Individualized Transition Development Plan*. Candidates are expected to meet the level of *meets target* during the program. Please find the Education Specialist Profession Dispositions at <http://www.csusm.edu/education/ClinicalPractice/HandbookSPED.html>

School of Education Attendance Policy

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the School of Education, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, students must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he may not receive a passing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements. Should the student have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible. (*Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997.*)

This Clinical Practice:

All teacher candidates are expected to be present at their assigned school site as scheduled by program requirements and the specific school site calendar and teaching contract. Should the teacher candidate have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the University Supervisor and Program Coordinator as soon as possible.

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations

Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations must be approved for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disable Student Services (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 4300, and can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

All University Writing Requirement

This course ensures that the university's minimum 2,500-word per course writing requirement is met through the course assignments, reflections, and postings for Education Specialist standard.

CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy

“Students will be expected to adhere to standards of academic honesty and integrity, as outlined in the Student Academic Honesty Policy. All written work and oral presentation assignments must be original work. All ideas/materials that are borrowed from other sources must have appropriate references to the original sources. Any quoted material should give credit to the source and be punctuated with quotation marks.

Students are responsible for honest completion of their work including examinations. There will be no tolerance for infractions. If you believe there has been an infraction by someone in the class, please bring it to the instructor’s attention. The instructor reserves the right to discipline any student for academic dishonesty in accordance with the general rules and regulations of the university. Disciplinary action may include the lowering of grades and/or the assignment of a failing grade for an exam, assignment, or the class as a whole.”

Incidents of Academic Dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of Students. Sanctions at the University level may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

As an educator, it is expected that each student will do his/her own work, and contribute equally to group projects and processes. Plagiarism or cheating is unacceptable under any circumstances. If you are in doubt about whether your work is paraphrased or plagiarized see the Plagiarism Prevention for Students website <http://library.csusm.edu/plagiarism/index.html>. If there are questions about academic honesty, please consult the University catalog.

Use of Technology:

Students are expected to demonstrate competency in the use of various forms of technology (i.e. word processing, electronic mail, Moodle, use of the Internet, and/or multimedia presentations). Specific requirements for course assignments with regard to technology are at the discretion of the instructor. Keep a digital copy of all assignments for use in your teaching portfolio. All assignments will be submitted online, and some will be submitted in hard copy as well. Details will be given in class.

Electronic Communication Protocol:

Electronic correspondence is a part of your professional interactions. If you need to contact the instructor, e-mail is often the easiest way to do so. It is my intention to respond to all received e-mails in a timely manner. Please be reminded that e-mail and on-line discussions are a very specific form of communication, with their own nuances and etiquette. For instance, electronic messages sent in all upper case (or lower case) letters, major typos, or slang, often communicate more than the sender originally intended. With that said, please be mindful of all e-mail and on-line discussion messages you send to your colleagues, to faculty members in the School of Education, or to persons within the greater educational community. All electronic messages should be crafted with professionalism and care.

Things to consider:

- Would I say in person what this electronic message specifically says?
- How could this message be misconstrued?
- Does this message represent my highest self?
- Am I sending this electronic message to avoid a face-to-face conversation?

In addition, if there is ever a concern with an electronic message sent to you, please talk with the author in person in order to correct any confusion.

Course Requirements

Supervision Requirements:

1. Each candidate in this clinical practice meets with a university clinical practice supervisor at least four times to discuss clinical experiences in order to expand participants’ knowledge of various assessment and intervention techniques and to practice participation in Individual Educational Program meetings.
2. Each candidate engages in a minimum of eight weeks of supervised clinical practicum hours in one or more school setting in which students with mild and moderate disabilities are being educated and engagement in an observation of a community-based leisure time.
3. Each candidate provides documentation of the clinical experiences described in the course objectives through notations on the Cal State San Marcos Mild/Moderate Teaching Performance Expectations Clinical Practice Assessment observation form.

4. Each candidate produces a directed Clinical Practice Portfolio that includes samples of assessments, lessons, IEP meeting participation, and other educational experiences supporting students with mild and moderate disabilities.
5. Each candidate produces an Individualized Transition Development Plan that summarizes strengths and areas of need for continued professional growth and that is signed by the candidate and the Education Specialist credential program coordinator or designee. This document is delivered to and assessed by the instructor of the EDMX 575 Education Specialist - Transition Development Plan Seminar.
6. Each candidate reflects upon clinical experiences with his or her university supervisor and cooperating teacher using the “Suggested Weekly Supervisor/Candidate Reflective Communication” form attached to this syllabus or a similar tool agreed upon between the university supervisor and cooperating teacher.

Professional And Administrative Requirements

1. **“Person first” language.** Person first language (e.g., “Student with Down Syndrome” rather than “Down Syndrome student;” “Johnny who happens to have Down Syndrome” rather than “My Down Syndrome student”) must be used throughout all written and oral assignments and discussions.
2. **Written Work.** Word-process all written plans for treatment and assessment. Keep an electronic copy of all of your work. You will want these for your records and for potential future use as professional portfolio entries.
3. **Timeliness.** Complete and submit all clinical experience documentation on the due dates for full credit. If you have extraordinary circumstances that impact timely submission, inform the university supervisor. Any time that you have questions or concerns, please contact the university supervisor immediately.
4. **Profession Behavior.** Professional behavior is expected at all school and community sites with educational and program personnel, students, families, and supervisory personnel.

Grading Standards

Credit/No Credit

The candidate’s university supervisor, in collaboration with the cooperating teacher, prepares a Clinical Practice Summary report and completes the ES TPE assessment based upon observations and clinical practice cooperating teacher feedback. These documents are presented to the teacher candidate at the exit meeting and all participants sign the documents. These documents serve as official verification of successful completion of Clinical Practice and are required for the University to be able to recommend a candidate for a credential at the end of the program.

1. A grade of CREDIT (CR) or NO CREDIT (NC) will be assigned for clinical practice experiences by the university supervisor. If a credential candidate has not successfully met the Education Specialist Teacher Performance Expectations at an appropriate level, the candidate may be required to extend or repeat the experience.
2. If a candidate is unsuccessful in a clinical practice experience, a grade of NO CREDIT will be given. Granting of an additional opportunity for clinical practice will be made based on the circumstances under which the original NO CREDIT was given.
3. Should a candidate be in the potential situation of receiving NO CREDIT for clinical practice, the university supervisor and cooperating teacher must complete a State of Concern (SOC) as soon as possible and provide copies to the Program Coordinator. The documentation in the SOC, the action plan, and the follow up steps to the plan are key documents that are used to verify inadequate performance in clinical practice, if the action plan is not achieved.
4. Should a second clinical practice experience be recommended, the candidate must re-register for the clinical practice course prior to the new placement being made.

Conditions for Removal from School Site

A candidate will be removed from the school site and a Statement of Concern documenting the situation will be written immediately if a candidate:

1. endangers students or others;
2. violates recognized codes of conduct, e.g. CSUSM Student Code of Conduct, CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy NEA Code of Ethics, CA Education Code Section 44932; and/or
3. is dismissed from the classroom or school site by the cooperating professional or site or district administrator.