

Advanced Fieldwork in Mild Moderate Support Needs

EDSE 217A

Fall 2025 Sections 01, 02, 03, 04 Hybrid 6 Unit(s) 08/20/2025 to 12/08/2025 Modified 08/26/2025

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Course Description and Requisites

Supervised teaching of students with mild moderate support needs in special and general education settings. Includes campus seminar.

Prerequisite(s): Department consent.

CR/NC/I Graduate

Classroom Protocols

Classroom and Zoom

Students are expected to arrive on time and stay for the entire seminar session, keep cell phones put away, and participate fully in seminar discussions. Zoom sessions are considered the same as in-person class sessions and students should make every effort to follow the same class protocols as they would when attending class on campus. Candidates are respectfully requested to refrain from engaging in other tasks which can detract from their learning and the learning of others during Zoom class time.

Zoom Classroom Etiquette

- Mute Your Microphone when appropriate and keep your camera on.
- To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking.
- Be Mindful of Background Noise and Distractions:
- Find a quiet place to “attend” class, to the greatest extent possible. Do not attend zoom while driving or traveling in a car.
- Avoid video setups where people may be walking behind you, people talking/making noise, etc.
- Avoid activities that could create additional noise, such as shuffling papers, listening to music in the background, etc.
- Position Your Camera Properly.
- Be sure your webcam is in a stable position and focused at eye level.
- Limit Your Distractions/Avoid Multitasking:
- You can make it easier to focus on the meeting by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and putting your smartphone away (unless you are using it to access Zoom).
- Use Appropriate Virtual Backgrounds:
- If using a virtual background, it should be appropriate and professional and should NOT suggest or include content that is objectively offensive or demeaning

Program Information

LCOE Department of Special Education Mission

We prepare candidates to be transformative leaders in the field, and lifelong learners who respond to racism, ableism, bigotry, and prejudice in their schools and communities. To this end, we center anti-racist and anti-ableist policies and practices in our teaching, research, and service to disrupt systemic racism that has historically prevented full inclusion and equity for students with disabilities including our BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) students, staff, and faculty. We engage culturally sustaining pedagogies and the principles of UDL in our coursework and fieldwork, partnering with our local districts to push for the success of students with disabilities in inclusive settings.

LCOE Department of Special Education Program Learning Outcomes

- **PLO 1** Assess and identify the educational needs and strengths of students with disabilities from diverse socioeconomic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- **PLO 2** Critically evaluate pedagogy, curricula and instructional materials grounded in quality indicators of evidence-based practices for students with disabilities.
- **PLO 3** Plan, design, implement, and monitor linguistically and culturally appropriate instruction that meets the unique needs of students with disabilities.
- **PLO 4** Apply knowledge of the purpose, characteristics, and appropriate use of different types of assessments used for special education eligibility, placement, and service selection.
- **PLO 5** Utilize research-based knowledge and theoretical, conceptual and evidence-based practices related to individuals with disabilities to improve services and instruction in the field.

Course Goals

Students must spend a minimum of 400 hours in field experience and complete Cycle 2 of the California Teaching Performance Assessment as a part of this course.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course candidates will:

1. Demonstrate the ability to implement the adopted instructional program in the core academic curriculum that promotes students' access and achievement in relation to state-adopted academic content standards and performance levels for students.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of students' educational backgrounds including learning preferences, experiences, and family structures in planning instruction and supporting individual student learning.
3. Apply evidence-based teaching and assessment practices with students having a range of diverse learning needs
4. Demonstrate professionalism in all aspects of teaching, interacting with colleagues, and engaging with families including respecting confidentiality of student information and abiding by state laws as a mandated reporter

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

In compliance with the California Teacher Credentialing Commission students will address, examine, and/or employ techniques that will help them develop the ability to meet the following Program Standards and Teaching Performance Expectations:

Program Standard 3 - Clinical Practice

Clinical practice is a developmental and sequential set of activities integrated with theoretical and pedagogical coursework and must consist of a minimum of 600 hours of clinical practice across the arc of the program. At least 200 hours of supervised early field work that includes guided observations and initial student teaching (e.g., co-planning and co-teaching, or guided teaching) must be provided to the preliminary candidates in general education and special education settings prior to final student teaching.

Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs)

U 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 2.1, 2.6, 3.3, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.8, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11

MM1.1, 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.9, 2.10, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4

Course Materials

There are no required textbooks for this course.

Required Texts/Readings There is no required textbook for this course.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Students spend a minimum of 400 hours in field experience and complete Cycle 2 of the California Teaching Performance Assessment as a part of this course. Students complete the fieldwork hours according to their chosen pathway.

1.Traditional Student Teaching Pathway (15 weeks)

Student teacher candidates undertake 5 full days of student teaching per week for 15weeks under the guidance of an experienced mentor teacher in an Education Specialist placement appropriate to the Mild Moderate Support Needs credential.

2.Teacher Residency Program Pathway (full semester on district calendar)

Teacher residents undertake 5 full days of student teaching per week under the guidance of an experienced mentor teacher for the full length of the semester on the district calendar in an Education Specialist Residency placement appropriate to the Mild Moderate Support Needs Credential

Teacher residents participate in additional professional development opportunities offered as part of the Teacher Residency Consortium.

3.Intern Pathway (teacher of record)

Intern candidates work as the teacher of record in their own classroom for the full semester on district calendar. Intern teachers are responsible for accruing and documenting an additional 72.5 hours of general support and 22.5 hours of support specific to learning to teach multilingual learners. Interns are responsible for submitting the appropriate logs each week to document their progress toward reaching their professional development hours.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Teacher candidates will complete the following assignments as part of this fieldwork course. The course is graded credit / no credit. Attendance at all seminars, satisfactory completion of all assignments, satisfactory ratings on the end-of-semester evaluation and disposition evaluation, as well as submission of the California Teaching Performance Assessment Cycle Two / Literacy Performance Assessment, are required to earn credit in this course. Teacher candidates will complete the following assignments as part of this fieldwork course:

1.Submit Attendance logs for Student Teaching hours WEEKLY. Interns will submit their Intern Support Hours Log to the Intern CANVAS shell WEEKLY.

Candidates are responsible for attending the fieldwork placement every day for the full length of the placement. Student teachers and teacher residents must notify the mentor teacher and the University Supervisor as soon as possible in the event of an absence due to illness or other emergency. Intern candidates should follow district protocols for reporting an absence. Candidates are also responsible for attending each of the seminars. A missed seminar must be made up.

2.Attend all fieldwork seminars

Attendance is mandatory. A missed seminar must be made up. Missing more than one seminar puts you at risk for non-credit in the course. Seminar dates: Aug.28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct.9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nove. 20 Dec. 4

3. Candidate Self Assessment (completed twice)

Candidates assess themselves on the course-related TPEs at the beginning of the semester and at the midpoint of the semester. Candidates discuss their self-assessment in the lesson observation debrief and set goals for their next set of lessons.

4.Mid-Semester Check-in

Candidates assess themselves on the course-related TPEs at the beginning of the semester and at the midpoint of the semester. Candidates discuss their self-assessment in the lesson observation debrief and set goals for their next set of lessons.

Lesson Plan Cycles

Teacher candidates will complete 5 Lesson Plan Cycles consisting of Pre-Observation Planning, Lesson Implementation, Debrief with Supervisor and Mentor Teacher (if applicable), and Reflection. Teacher candidates are responsible for video recording each lesson observation. Videos will be used for discussion and reflection at the debrief session and for sharing in the supervision seminar. Formal lesson observations will be scheduled throughout the semester with the supervisor.

5. Lesson Cycle One - This cycle has two lessons!

Drawing on their understanding of the California Dyslexia Guidelines, teacher candidates will plan, implement, and reflect on TWO explicit instruction lessons grounded in the principles of UDL that *draw on student assets* and incorporate evidence-based strategies to develop student skills in

(a) phonological awareness, and

(b) phonics, spelling, and word recognition, including letter-sound, spelling-sound, and sound-symbol correspondence.

Both lessons should include **AT LEAST ONE INFORMAL ASSESSMENT** that monitors students' progress on these skills. *Candidates must also include a statement of how each lesson plan addresses the California Dyslexia Guidelines.* [Use this lesson plan template for Cycles One and Two](#)

Candidates receive feedback from the University Supervisor on the lesson plan and after the lesson plan implementation. The University Supervisor and the Mentor Teacher (if applicable) provide feedback during the lesson debrief and assess the teacher candidate using the lesson debrief form; [items U7.2, U7.5](#)

6. Lesson Cycle Two

Drawing on their understanding of the California Dyslexia Guidelines teacher candidates will plan, implement, and reflect on an explicit instruction lesson *that draws from student assets and* incorporates evidence-based strategies to develop their students' skills in the areas of decoding & encoding, including morphological awareness and spelling and syllable patterns, to develop fluency in reading, including reading across disciplines as appropriate.

The lesson should include **AT LEAST ONE INFORMAL ASSESSMENT** that monitors students' progress on these skills. *Candidates must also include a statement of how the lesson plan addresses the California Dyslexia Guidelines.* [Use this lesson plan template for Cycles One and Two](#)

Candidates receive feedback from the University Supervisor on the lesson plan and after the lesson plan implementation. The University Supervisor and the Mentor Teacher (if applicable) provide feedback during the lesson debrief and assess the teacher candidate using the lesson debrief form; [item U7.5](#)

7. Lesson Cycle Three

Teacher candidates will plan, implement, and reflect on a lesson that *draws on students' assets and* incorporates evidence-based strategies to develop their students' skills in the areas of meaning-making across disciplines, including drawing evidence from texts, attending to vocabulary knowledge and using grammatical structures (e.g., syntax), and discourse-level understandings as students read, listen, speak, and write with comprehension and effective expression. Teacher candidates create environments that foster students' oral and written language development, including discipline-specific academic language. The lesson should include **AT LEAST ONE INFORMAL ASSESSMENT** that monitors students' progress on these skills [Use the lesson plan template for Meaning Making.](#)

Candidates receive feedback from the University Supervisor on the lesson plan and after the lesson plan implementation. The University Supervisor and the Mentor Teacher (if applicable) provide feedback during the lesson debrief and assess the teacher candidate using the lesson debrief form; items [U7.6, U7.7](#)

8. Lesson Cycle Four

Teacher candidates will plan, implement, and reflect on a lesson that *draws on students' assets and* incorporates evidence-based strategies to develop their students' skills in the areas of oral and written language development, including academic conversations and writing for varied purposes and audiences. This lesson cycle should provide opportunities for teacher and peer feedback on student writing. [Use the lesson plan template for collaborative discussions.](#)

Candidates receive feedback from the University Supervisor on the lesson plan and after the lesson plan implementation. The University Supervisor and the Mentor Teacher (if applicable) provide feedback during the lesson debrief and assess the teacher candidate using the lesson debrief form; [items U7.8](#)

9. Lesson Cycle Five

Teacher candidates will plan, implement, and reflect on a lesson that *draws on students' assets and* incorporates evidence-based strategies to develop their students' skills in oral and written presentations, including the use of visual and performing arts, as well as multimedia and assistive technology as appropriate to support students' spelling, handwriting, and language conventions as appropriate. Candidates may use the [meaning making](#) or [collaborative discussions](#) lesson plan template.

Candidates receive feedback from the University Supervisor on the lesson plan and after the lesson plan implementation. The University Supervisor and the Mentor Teacher (if applicable) provide feedback during the lesson debrief and assess the teacher candidate using the lesson debrief form; [items U7.8](#)

10. Lesson presentation

Each teacher candidate will share a video clip (3-5 minutes in length) of one of their lessons during the fieldwork seminar. Candidates will analyze their teaching and invite feedback from the group.

11. IEP assignment

Teacher candidates will participate in two IEP meetings over the course of the semester and submit a summary reflection of how they addressed each of the following items and their learnings from the IEP

IEP Meeting One - Candidates will observe this IEP and take note of how the Ed Specialist and related professionals focus on student strengths and interests and ensure meaningful parent and student input as they collaboratively develop goals to address the student's needs. Candidates will observe how data-based decisions are made and discussed in the IEP and how students are referred for more intensive intervention where appropriate.

IEP Meeting Two - Candidates will complete one written IEP document, which includes present levels of performance and draft IEP goals. Student teachers and teacher residents will do this under the guidance of the mentor teacher outside of the IEP system (i.e., may create a word document). Intern teachers will do this as part of their job assignment. Teacher candidates should administer 2-3 subtests of a formal assessment (e.g., WJ, WIAT) OR 2-3 informal assessments (e.g., classroom assessments, criterion checklists, district benchmark assessments) with the student and gather classroom observational data in order to prepare the present levels of performance. Candidates work with the mentor teacher, school psychologist, or other members of the IEP team to understand how to initiate referrals for more intensive intervention, where appropriate. Traditional student teachers and teacher residents must work under the mentor teacher's guidance to complete the information in advance of the scheduled meeting. Time permitting and with parent permission, the University Supervisor may observe the candidate in the IEP meeting.. (Note: Student teachers and teacher residents are not permitted to log into the teacher's account on the IEP management system.)

Candidates will submit their present levels and IEP goals shared in IEP meeting two and a summary reflection of their experiences in the two IEP meetings.

12. Teaching Performance Assessment

Teacher candidates will complete the California Teaching Performance Assessment Cycle 2 now called Literacy Performance Assessment.. This assignment is required to earn credit for this course. Candidates will submit their performance assessment to Pearson and also upload a copy into CANVAS. Interim deadlines will be posted in CANVAS for the various components of the TPA.

Note: Candidates will not receive feedback on this assignment but will earn points for submitting the complete packet.

13. Final Fieldwork Evaluation

Each teacher candidate will submit a Final Fieldwork Evaluation from the University Supervisor and from the Mentor Teacher (student teachers and teacher residents) or the principal (Interns). Interns are responsible for giving the evaluation form to the principal within the first two weeks of the semester.

14. Disposition Evaluations

Each teacher candidate will submit a Disposition Evaluation from the University Supervisor and from the Mentor Teacher (student teachers and teacher residents only).

15) Candidate Transition Plan

Each candidate will submit a transition plan that will be used in their Induction Program during the first year of teaching on the Preliminary Credential.

Assignment	CLO	TPEs
Lesson Plan Cycles	CLO 1, 2, 3	U 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 3.3, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11 MM 1.1, 1.4, 2.9, 2.10, 3.1, 3.2, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4
Lesson Analysis Presentations	CLO 1, 2, 3	U 2.1, 2.6 MM 1.1, 1.4, 2.9, 2.10, 3.1, 3.2
IEP Assignment	CLO 1, 2, 3	U 6.4, 6.6 MM 1.1, 1.4

Assignment	CLO	TPEs
Disposition Evaluation	CLO 4	U 6.2, 6.5
Teaching Performance Assessment	CLO 1, 2, 3	U 3.3, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.8, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11 MM 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.9, 2.10, 3.1, 4.2, 4.7, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4

✓ Grading Information

Breakdown

Grade	Range	Notes
Pass or Fail	credit / no credit	This course is credit / no credit. All assignments must be completed satisfactorily (80%) to earn credit in the course. In addition candidates must earn at least 100 points on the Final Fieldwork Evaluation from the University Supervisor and the Mentor Teacher, and a satisfactory Disposition Evaluation from the University Supervisor and the Mentor Teacher, and must attend all seminars to receive credit in this course.

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9 \(PDF\)](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on the [Syllabus Information](https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php) (<https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>) web page. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

Course Schedule

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Seminar Topics and Due Dates 08/28/2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM On-Campus in Person	Course Introduction	Discussion Topics - TPE 1, 2, 3 & 7 1. Course Introduction 2. Class Expectations 3. Review of Assignments 4. Review of Lesson Plan Template 5. Getting started in your placement 6. Candidate Self-Assessment Reminders: Student Teachers submit attendance log Interns submit Support Hours Logs Getting started in your placement Assignment • Exchange information • Plan for Supervisor Informal Visit Phonological Awareness and Phonics Instruction Rubric Self Assessment One
Seminar Topics and Due Dates 09/11/2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM On-Zoom	Lesson Planning	Discussion Topics TPE 1, 2, 3 & 7 • Review of Foundational Skills - How does this apply to your students and grade level? • ELA/ELD Framework • Additional Themes • Review of Lesson Plan Template - What goes where • ST submit Attendance Log • Intern submits Support Hours to Intern CANVAS shell • Lesson Presentations Complete Lesson Cycle One https://www.colorincolorado.org/blog/californias-elaeld-framework-bringing-it-all-together https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beC3N3_CKSQ

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Seminar Topics and Due Dates 09/25/2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM On-Campus in Person	Context and Informal Assessments	Discussion Topics 1,2,3, & 7 Contextual information –What do you know about your students and your classroom?Developing lesson based on assessment data • Provide Actionable Feedback to students - intro • Overview of TPA Cycle 2 • TPA Registration & support Assignment • ST submit Attendance Log • Intern submits Support Hours to Intern CANVAS shell • Lesson Presentations Complete Lesson Cycle Two
Seminar Topics and Due Dates 10/09/2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Zoom	Plannning and Higher Order Thinking	Discussion Topics - TPE 4 • Planning a Learning Segment • Higher Order Thinking skills • Schedule Mid-Semester Check In between Oct 9 - Oct 23 - review goals • Self-assessment on TPE 4, 5, 6 Lesson Analysis Presentation Assignment • ST submit Attendance Log • Intern submits Support Hours to Intern CANVAS shell • Lesson Presentations Complete Lesson Cycle Three Self Assessment Two Mid-Semester Check-in

When	Topic	Notes
Seminar Topics and Due Dates 10/23/2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM On-Campus in Person	Self-Assessments and Use of Rubrics	Discussion Topics - TPE 5 • Informal assessments & Student self-assessments • Provide Actionable Feedback to students • Use of rubrics / creation of rubrics • Review ELD strategies for additional literacy themes Assignment • ST submit Attendance Log • Intern submits Support Hours to Intern CANVAS shell • Lesson Presentations Complete Lesson Cycle Four ◦ Submit TPA Part A – Contextual Information
Seminar Topics and Due Dates 11/06/2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Zoom	Formative and Summative Assessments	Discussion Topics - TPE 5 • Summative Assessments (end of learning segment) with rubric • Progress monitoring -Data driven instruction • Making Instructional decisions / next steps for learning • Review of Self-Assessment • Developing your Commentary Assignment • ST submit Attendance Log • Intern submits Support Hours to Intern CANVAS shell • Lesson Presentations Complete Lesson Cycle 5 • TPA Part B – Learning Segment Plan • TPA Part C – Assessment Descriptions • TPA Part D – Assessment Sample Summative Assessment with Rubric

When	Topic	Notes
Seminar Topics and Due Dates 12/04/2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM On-Campus in Person	Analysis of Progress and Planning Next Steps	Discussion Topics TPE 6 ▪ Recognizing their own communication style ▪ How might you need to adjust your communication style as you work with other adults in the classroom? Lesson Analysis Presentations 2 Assignment: ▪ ST submit Attendance Log ▪ Intern submits Support Hours to Intern CANVAS shell ▪ Lesson Presentations ▪ Lesson Analysis Presentation 2 Fieldwork Evaluations Due Disposition Evaluations Due Candidate Transition Plan Due TPA due Dec 4 in Pearson <i>Course Schedule Subject to Change with Due Notice</i> <i>Please check CANVAS and SJSU email regularly to stay up to date on course information.</i> Lesson Observation Schedule: • Complete Lesson Cycle 1 by week 3 ◦ Pre-Observation Conference ◦ Lesson Plan Implementation ◦ Post Observation Debrief • Complete Lesson Cycle 2 by week 6 ◦ Pre-Observation Conference ◦ Lesson Plan Implementation ◦ Post Observation Debrief • Complete Lesson Cycle 3 by week 9 ◦ Pre-Observation Conference ◦ Lesson Plan Implementation ◦ Post Observation Debrief • Complete Lesson Cycle 4 by week 12 ◦ Pre-Observation Conference ◦ Lesson Plan Implementation ◦ Post Observation Debrief • Complete Lesson Cycle 5 by week 15

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		◦ Pre-Observation Conference ◦ Lesson Plan Implementation ◦ Post Observation Debrief