

California State University  
**Northridge**  
**Liberal Studies Program**  
**ITEP Tips**

**Coursework**

Complete your lower division Pre-Credential Option requirements as soon as possible.

Complete the following as pre/co-requisites prior to enrolling in ITEP-linked course:

⇒ EPC 315 or SPED 402A (SPED 402A must be taken by students planning to pursue an Education Specialist Credential).

⇒ SPED 401C (Students pursuing the Education Specialist Credential must also take SPED 401CL).

**Tests**

Take the CBEST as soon as you have completed your Freshman Composition requirement and Math 210. To prepare, consider attending a free CBEST workshop offered by the Learning Resource Center, located in BH 408. See [http://www.csun.edu/lrc/writing/cbest\\_workshop.html](http://www.csun.edu/lrc/writing/cbest_workshop.html) for more information.

Get ready for the CSET and RICA. See [http://www.csun.edu/liberalstudies/faq\\_tutoring.html](http://www.csun.edu/liberalstudies/faq_tutoring.html) for tips and information.

**Fieldwork**

To gain admission to CSUN's Credential Program, you must complete 45 hours of field experience. Students who have completed EPC 315 and ELPS 203 by the time they apply to the Credential Program will meet the field experience requirement.

The *elementary education* field experience requirement can also be met with 45 hours of participation with a group of school-aged children preferably at the elementary school level. Paid and volunteer experiences are acceptable. The experience can take place in both public and private institutions. If applying to a *special education* program, the experience should be with students K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who have special needs. Experience must be in the U.S and completed within the last five years.

**GPA**

Keep up your grade point average. One of the admission requirements to the Credential Program is an overall GPA of 2.67. Students who do not meet the GPA requirements may apply under exceptional admission.

**Workshop**

All students applying for admission to the Credential Program are required to complete an ITEP Credential Information Session on-line or in-person in order for their application to be processed by the Credential Office. For dates or information, please call (818) 677-3002 or link the following: <http://www.csun.edu/~itepsession/itep/index.htm>

**Application**

Apply to the Credential Program early in the semester before you plan to take ITEP courses. Please keep in mind that application deadlines are subject to change without prior notice. However, generally, the deadline to apply to the Credential Program for fall semester is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for spring admission is October 1<sup>st</sup>. For Credential Program application questions, please contact the Credential Preparation Office at (818) 677-2586 or visit their website at <http://www.csun.edu/education/cred/applications/index.htm>