Accelerated Collaborative Teacher Residency (ACT-R) Program
Special Education-Moderate/Severe (MS) Disabilities

ACT-R MAY BE FOR YOU!
Offered collaboratively by California State University Northridge (CSUN) and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD): ACT-R is a two-semester Credential Program offered collaboratively by CSUN and LAUSD. The program prepares teachers to serve students with disabilities in high need schools. Candidates obtain a credential in one year through full-time study as a teacher in residence. Candidates in ACT-R are eligible for a stipend of up to $15,000 through a grant funded by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Opportunities are available for substitute teaching. Program completers must commit to teaching in LAUSD for a minimum of four years.

WHY JOIN THE ACT-R PROGRAM?
• Integrate theory and practice through the shared expertise of LAUSD and CSUN personnel
• Practice, reflect on, and improve skills under the close supervision of an accomplished mentor
• Develop a strong network of professional support
• Gain expertise in serving diverse students in high need schools
• Participate in a teaching community
• Facilitate collaborative and inclusive practices in local schools

PARTICIPATE IN AN AWARD WINNING PROGRAM
• Orfalea Initiative Grant Award, supporting neurodevelopmental methodology
• Urban Impact Award
• Quality of Education Award
• Teacher Quality Partnership Residency Grant Award

HOW TO APPLY
1. Complete application for ACT-R Program: https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/accelerated-collaborative-teacher-preparation-program/application
2. Complete online CSUN graduate admissions application: http://www.calstate.edu/apply
3. Complete Credential Program application: https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/credential-office/program-applications

ACT NOW!
Application Deadline: July 1, 2019 or until spaces are filled
Residencies begin in mid-August, 2019
ACT-R courses begin August 26, 2019

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ACT-R Education Specialist Credential Program: **Moderate/Severe Disabilities** (39 units)

Meets Commission Standards that include English learner authorization

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Admission requirements: A partial list of requirements is shown below. For a complete list and description of admission requirements see credential application at http://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/credential-office/applications.

- Bachelor’s degree from accredited institution
- 45 hours of early field experience in chosen specialization with verification form completed
- Approved subject matter program or passage of CSET exam
- Basic Skills Requirement - passage of CBEST or CSET with writing section
- Interview with ACT-R Special Education Coordinator

Program requirements that may be met after admission:

- Prior to student teaching: Writing Proficiency Requirement (CBEST writing score of 41 or better, score of 10 or better on the UDWP Exam, approved course with a “C” or better, or CSET writing requirement) and CPR
- Prior to submitting credential request form: Passage of RICA, U.S. Constitution

Visit the ACT-R Program website: [https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/accelerated-collaborative-teacher-preparation-program/act-r](https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/accelerated-collaborative-teacher-preparation-program/act-r)