



Project I-PREP Fact Sheet

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. I don't have a BA degree; can I still apply?
2. How much is tuition? Will Project I-PREP pay for my classes?
3. How long is the program?
4. When are classes offered? Is the program available online?
5. What are the admission requirements for Project I-PREP and how do I apply?
6. Can I work and participate in Project I-PREP?
7. I already have a teaching credential, can I still apply?
8. I am currently teaching under a Multiple or Single Subject Credential or under an Education Specialist credential in another specialization (e.g., Mild/Moderate disabilities, Early Childhood Special

What is Project I-PREP?

Project I-PREP is a federal grant providing financial support to students pursuing a special education credential in *moderate to severe disabilities*.

Participants in this grant will:

- ★ Receive up to **\$24,000** in financial support over a 3-year period
 - Financial and collegial support to complete your preliminary credential in 2 years
 - Continued financial and collegial support during first year of teaching and Clear credential
- ★ Earn **two** credentials: a *Preliminary* education specialist credential that allows you to teach students K-12; and a *Clear* education specialist credential which provides advanced coursework and additional support during your first year as a special education teacher.
- ★ Complete a **service obligation**. You are required to work as a special educator for 2 years for every one year of financial support (2 – 6 years).

Why Apply to Project I-PREP?

- ★ Receive **additional funds** to attend professional conferences and to purchase educational technology
- ★ Be part of a **select group** of candidates who demonstrate a commitment to advocacy and making a difference in the lives of children and youth and their families
- ★ Participate in a **systems change** effort to increase integrated/ inclusive options for students with moderate to severe disabilities
- ★ Benefit from a strong partnership with **local school districts** such as Simi Valley, LAUSD, Saugus, and others
- ★ **Small class size**
- ★ Faculty with **experience, expertise**, and continued **involvement** in the field of special education/severe disabilities
- ★ **Supported field experiences** with high quality mentor teachers
- ★ **Individualized** advisement



Education, Deaf-and-Hard of Hearing).
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What Will I Learn?

Candidates will learn *guiding principles*, specific *educational practices*, and will develop and *refine skills* through coaching and mentoring.

Topics addressed through coursework and field experiences include:

- ★ Classroom management and positive behavior support strategies
- ★ Empowering and supporting independence among students
- ★ Making meaningful curricular modifications
- ★ Teaching in a systematic manner
- ★ Helping students plan for life after school through vocational and community training
- ★ Supporting the development of communication, language, and literacy skills
- ★ Supporting students with multiple disabilities, with specific coursework related to physical disabilities and vision and hearing impairments

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

- ★ Potential candidates must meet the admission requirements to the University and Credential Programs
- ★ Bachelor's degree or enrolled in an integrated BA/Credential program (e.g., ITEP)
- ★ Minimum 2.75 GPA
- ★ Passage of all 3 sections of the Multiple Subject CSET
- ★ Passage of the CBEST

How Do I Apply?

- ★ Complete applications to the Credential Program and to the University
- ★ Contact projectiprep@csun.edu for the Project I-PREP application
- ★ All applications will be screened. Applicants who pass the initial screening will be invited to an interview

For questions, see FAQs or contact us at projectiprep@csun.edu

