Liberal Studies Program
ITEP Preparation Checklist

☐ Coursework
Complete your lower division major requirements as soon as possible. Students must have completed at least 60 units to apply to the Credential Program.

Prior to Student Teaching, complete the following pre-requisites or co-requisites to ITEP-linked courses:
ELPS 203/EPC 315 (for Elementary Education) or SPED 400/SPED 402 (for Education Specialist).

☐ Fulfill the Basic Skills Requirement with one of the following options:
- Attempt CBEST OR
- Pass all sections of the CSET (exam 101, 102 & 103) and Pass CSET Writing Skills (exam 142) OR
- Pass Entry Level Math (ELM) and English Placement Test (EPT)
- Pass Early Assessment Program (EAP) in both English and Math OR
- Pass a combination of EAP English and ELM or EAP Math and EPT

For exam preparation resources go to:
www.ctcexams.nesinc.com
www.csun.edu/humanities/liberal-studies/cset-multiple-subject-preparation-resources

☐ 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. Special Education candidates gain few hours from SPED 400 and 402, but will likely have to gain supplemental hours of field experience to earn the total 45 hours.
- 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. If applying to a special education program, the experience should be with students K through 12th grade who have special needs.
- The experience can take place in both public and private institutions, must be in the US and must be completed within the last five years. Paid and volunteer experiences are acceptable.

☐ GPA
Keep up your grade point average. One of the admission requirements to the Credential Program is an overall GPA of 2.67.

☐ Online Credential Information Sessions
All Liberal Studies students applying for admission to the Credential Program in order to transition into the ITEP Option are required to complete the online ITEP Information Session in order for their application to be processed by the Credential Office. For additional information visit:
http://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/credential-office/information-sessions

☐ Application
Apply to the Credential Program at least one semester before you plan to take ITEP Courses. Please keep in mind that your acceptance to the program is a lengthy process. To ensure timely enrollment in your ITEP courses, we highly encourage you to apply as early as you can and not wait until the final deadlines noted on the online Information Session. For Credential application questions, please contact the Credential Preparation Office at (818) 677-CRED (2733), or credprep@csun.edu

IMPORTANT NOTE: This checklist is only a guide and does not include all items required to apply to the Credential Program. Please review the Credential application for a full list of requirements.