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SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS APPLICATION

EARLY FIELD EXPERIENCE

Title 5 Regulations from the California State University Chancellor's Office requires each Education credential candidate to have participated in a supervised Early Field Experience in a **school setting** prior to admission to a credential program. Applicants for a Preliminary Education Specialist Credential should fulfill a minimum requirement of 45 hours of field experience prior to entrance into an Education Specialist Credential Program. **For Intern applicants:** Due to new state regulations it is recommended that you complete the 45 hours in a classroom that has some students who are English Language learners.

The classroom teacher who has observed you in his/her classroom as a volunteer or as a paid aide is in the best position to give us this information. Others who might be in position to assess your potential based on your classroom experience could be the principal of the school or another district administrator. *NOTE: The classroom experience should match the credential program for which you are applying (Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe, Visual Impairment, etc.)*

SF State permits a variety of options in meeting this requirement. Below, please indicate which option you have met:

1. _____ Completion of 45 hours paid experience as a teacher aide or teacher assistant the majority of which time has been direct contact with students.
2. _____ Completion of 45 hours as a classroom teacher either in a public school with an emergency credential, as a substitute teacher, or in a private school.
3. _____ Completion of 45 hours working with students as a volunteer in a special education classroom with a credentialed teacher.
4. _____ Completion of 45 hours working with students as a volunteer in a general education classroom that also included students with special education designation with a credentialed teacher.
5. _____ I have completed the following activity that is equivalent to above activities. Attach a description of this activity and verification of completion.

The Early Field Experience is an important part of your application because it verifies that you have first hand experience in a special education classroom setting. All of our credential courses are based on your first hand experience and preliminary understandings of, or exposure to, the teaching/learning process in a special education classroom.

Applicant Name: _____ SF State ID: _____

School Name: _____ School City: _____

Grade Level(s): _____ Inclusive Dates: _____

Environment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate/Severe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Impairment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mild/Moderate | |

Print Teacher Name: _____ Date: _____

Teacher or Other Authorized Signature: _____