

Why Join the ACT Program



High Quality

- ACT university and K-12 faculty committed to preparing exemplary teachers
- Personalized advisement and mentoring
- Progression through the program as a cohort
- Ongoing classroom support through university supervision and exemplary cooperating teachers
- Emphasis on meeting the needs of diverse urban learners through a neurodevelopmental approach to teaching

Affordable

- Tuition costs significantly lower than many other institutions
- Forgiveness loans, scholarships and financial aid available

Accelerated and Convenient

- Completion of program in two semesters
- Late afternoon and evening courses
- Enrollment in courses guaranteed

What ACT Graduates Say...

- *It was an unforgettable experience. A wonderful, balanced, fast-paced program that was very beneficial.*
- *Thank you for empowering me to learn. This was boot camp for future teachers.*
- *ACT prepared me well, helped me obtain a teaching position, and continued to provide resources for ongoing teaching.*

How Do I Apply?

- Complete online CSUN graduate admissions application: <http://www.csumentor.edu>
- Complete Credential Program application available online:
<http://www.csun.edu/Education/cred/applications>
- Complete application for ACT Program:
<http://www.csun.edu/coe/act>



For more information please visit our website:

<http://www.csun.edu/coe/act>
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An Award-Winning Credential
Program to Prepare Urban
School Teachers



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The ACT Program May Be For You!



ACT is an accelerated, two-semester preliminary credential program that focuses on addressing the diverse needs of urban school learners. Candidates progress through this full-time program as a cohort, completing fieldwork during the day and coursework in the late afternoon and evening. Through support from the Orfalea Foundation and U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement, the ACT Program incorporates neurodevelopmental methodology, an innovative and research-based educational approach in addressing the unique and diverse needs of K-12 students in urban schools.

ACT Program Components

- **Core Courses:** Two courses, completed by general and special education candidates, that focus on foundational knowledge and skills for teachers serving diverse urban learners
- **Specialization Courses:** Classes each semester that target appropriate specialization areas
- **Fieldwork:** Classroom assignments with experienced Cooperating Teachers that increase in duration and intensity

Awards Received

- **Urban Impact Award** given by the Council of the Great City Schools for outstanding school-based project
- **Quality of Education Award** given by the California Council on Teacher Credentialing for exemplary school/university collaboration

ACT Education Specialist Credential Program: Mild/Moderate Disabilities* (43 units)

	Fall Semester (25 units)	Spring Semester (18 units)
Core	ELPS 541A Introduction to Teaching in Urban Schools (1+2 units) SPED 541B	ELPS 542A Meeting the Needs of All Students in Urban Schools (2+1 units) SPED 542B
Specialization	SPED 400 Developmental Differences and Implications in Special Education (3 units) SPED 404 Teaching Diverse Learners with Social-Communication Disabilities including Autism (3 units) SPED 406 K-12 Literacy Instruction for Diverse Learners with Disabilities (3 units) SPED 501MM Special Education Assessment of Diverse Learners with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (3 units) EED 565M or SED 525 Mathematics Curriculum and Methods (3 units) Methods of Teaching Single Subject (3 units)	SPED 402 Behavioral Assessment and Positive Behavioral Supports (3 units) SPED 502MM Reading/Language Arts Instruction for Diverse Learners with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (3 units) SPED 503MM Curriculum and Instruction in Math and Content Subjects for Diverse Learners with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (3 units)
Fieldwork	SPED 579ACT Supervised Fieldwork and Seminar with Exceptional Learners (4 units) (120 hours = 8 hours/week for 15 weeks)	SPED 580ACT Advanced Fieldwork and Seminar with Exceptional Learners with a grade of "B" or better (6 units) 64 hours of fieldwork (8 hours/week for 8 weeks) and 12 weeks of full time student teaching



*For Moderate/Severe Disabilities and Deaf and Hard of Hearing please see advisors.

What you need for admission:

- Bachelor's degree from accredited institution
- 45 observation hours in chosen specialization
- Approved subject matter program or passage of CSET exam
- Basic Skills Requirement (taken prior to admission)

Other preliminary credential program requirements: 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) passed prior to student teaching and passage of RICA, U.S. Constitution requirement prior to submission of credential application.