

Program Name: MSMU Education Specialist Credential Program – Mild to Moderate Support Needs

Academic Year: 2020-2021

Total Enrollment: UG = 0; Grad = 20; Total = 20

Total Number of Completers: Fall 1; Spring 4; Total = 5

The Program Modifications document should identify the full range of flexibilities that were implemented by the program and identify the percentage of the candidates who were afforded each flexibility. This could be done by identifying the total enrollment in the program and the number of candidates who used each flexibility.

Approved Modifications for COVID-19 Flexibility	Candidates needing flexibility
<p>The statutory requirement for Multiple Subject and Education Specialist candidates to pass the RICA examination prior to earning a Preliminary teaching credential has been moved to the Clear credential.</p> <p>MSMU Process: Candidates recommended for preliminary credentials under the EO N-66-20/SB 820 flexibility.</p>	(5) 25%
<p>The requirement that an intern candidate must meet the subject matter requirement prior to being recommended for an Intern credential has been suspended. The intern must meet the subject matter requirement prior to being recommended for a Preliminary credential.</p> <p>MSMU Process: Review intern credential applications.</p>	0%
<p>The Commission-adopted precondition that requires a candidate have met the subject matter competence requirement prior to beginning student teaching has been waived for candidates beginning their teacher preparation programs in fall 2021.</p> <p>MSMU Process: In May 2021, candidates were advised to take CSET if the opportunity for a test date became available. However, they were advised into student teaching for Fall 2021 even if they had not met subject-matter competency requirement.</p>	(1) 5%
<p>The requirement that Education Specialist candidates must have experiences with students across the grade levels and disability categories authorized by the credential as well as experiences across the range of program settings, the Commission approved allowing programs to determine if the candidate has sufficient experience across grade levels and settings.</p> <p>MSMU Process: Exposure to students of multiple disabilities occurred, however the wide range of these opportunities was reduced by at least a third due to school building closures and virtual teaching and learning environment.</p>	100%
<p>The requirement that an applicant to an educator preparation program take the CBEST examination prior to admission has been suspended.</p> <p>MSMU Process: Review applications to program.</p>	(5) 25%

<p>Candidates who were on track to complete a Commission-approved program between March 19, 2020 and August 31, 2021 but were prevented by the COVID-19 school closures may be recommended for a PS-VTW. Holders of a PS-VTW will be able to seek employment while having one year for the to complete their remaining credential requirement(s).</p> <p>MSMU Process: In April 2020, MSMU was among the Approved Programs Requesting Variable Term Waivers for Candidates Affected by the Public Health and Safety Crisis Related to COVID-19.</p>	0%
<p>Between March 2020 and June 30, 2021, all examination scores are valid for eleven (11) years rather than the ten years specified in Title 5 regulations.</p> <p>MSMU Process: Score report expiration dates were reviewed.</p>	0%
<p>The statutory requirement for candidates to pass the CBEST examination prior to obtaining a credential has been deferred for one year for individuals who have not previously failed the assessment.</p> <p>MSMU Process: Review credential applications.</p>	0%
<p>Holders of credentials or permits that are eligible for additional issuances may apply for a one-year extension of the document based on good cause related to COVID-19 hardships. Holders of clear credentials who were unable to renew the credential in a timely manner due to COVID-related health and safety restrictions may renew their credential with no lapse in validity for the renewed document.</p> <p>MSMU Process: Assist candidates needing an extension.</p>	0%
<p>Application fees are valid for 120 days in the event the applicant must submit additional documentation to support the application.</p> <p>MSMU Process: The MSMU Credential Analyst supports all candidates as they compile a complete application. This flexibility was not needed by our candidates.</p>	0%

Each Preliminary Multiple/Single Subject or Education Specialist Candidate's Individual Development Plan, developed by the Preliminary program with the candidate and provided by the candidate to the teacher induction program, shall document any modifications that were made for that specific candidate due to COVID-19.