

BECOME a TEACHER

Elementary, Secondary or Special Education Credentials



Students who attain a master's degree in elementary education develop the skills and dispositions needed to work with elementary school children. Students who attain a master's degree in secondary education develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed to work with students in middle school or high school settings. Standalone credentials are also available if students choose not to pursue the master's degree.

Why Brandman University?

The School of Education cultivates innovative and caring leaders, scholars and practitioners who collaborate to solve complex problems, transform organizations, and educate diverse student populations through discovery, inspiration and innovation. Brandman-designed credential courses and fieldwork experiences align with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) Teaching Performance Expectations. Many of our instructors are professionals currently practicing in the field, which allows them to make the connections between theory and practice by applying direct experience to program learning outcomes.

Credential Only

- **2042 Multiple Subject Credential with an English Learner Authorization (34 credits)** – The 2042 Multiple Subject Credential with English Learner Authorization program prepares individuals to teach all subjects in a self-contained classroom, K-12. It is the credential typically sought by those who wish to teach in an elementary school (K-6).
- **2042 Single Subject Credential with an English Learner Authorization (34 credits)** – The 2042 Single Subject Credential with English Learner Authorization program prepares individuals to teach a specific subject, such as math or English, in a departmentalized (K-12) classroom. This credential allows the holder to teach English language learners and is typically required of those who teach at the middle school or high school level.
- **Special Education: Preliminary Education Specialist (40-55 credits)** – Brandman University offers the Preliminary Education Specialist teaching credentials with the English Learner and Autism authorizations in three areas: Mild/Moderate (M/M), Moderate/Severe (M/S), and Early

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Childhood Special Education (ECSE). The special education program, once completed, authorizes the holder to teach in special education in K-12 (and through age 22) special education settings (M/M and M/S) or in birth through pre-kindergarten special education programs (ECSE). Credential courses and fieldwork experiences align with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) Special Education Teaching Performance Expectations and reflect current research and best practices.

Master's Degree Programs

Master of Arts in Teaching

If you want to begin your teaching career with both a teaching credential and a master's degree, this program will help you fulfill your goal. You use Common Core and other state content standards to design engaging lessons and develop skills in planning and differentiating instruction, classroom management and assessment. Advanced courses in research, learning theory, and curriculum design prepare you to engage in systematic inquiry into your own teaching. There are multiple education pathways to select from, including:

- **Elementary Education** – Includes the required coursework for a 2042 Multiple Subject credential, preparing you to teach all subjects in a self-contained K-12 classroom, typically required if you want to teach at the elementary school level. (39-49 credits)
- **Secondary Education** – Includes the required coursework for a 2042 Single Subject credential, preparing you to teach a specific content area in a K-12 departmentalized classroom. (39-49 credits)
- **Special Education** – Includes the required coursework for a Preliminary Education Specialist credential, preparing you to work as a special education teacher in K-12 classrooms, up to age 22. You may select to complete a mild/moderate, moderate/severe, or both. (55-70 credits)

Additional Programs

In addition to the credentials, authorizations and master's degrees listed here, Brandman University offers programs for personal and professional development. Explore our Master of Arts in Education and others by visiting our website or contacting us.

- **Autism Spectrum Disorders Added Authorization** – If you have a CTC-designated credential, you can add this authorization. This program allows you to conduct assessments, provide instruction and special education-related services to individuals with a primary disability of autism. (12 credits)
- **California Teachers of English Learners Authorization (CTEL)** – This program allows you to provide specialized instruction to English language learners in a California classroom. (12 credits)

*For information about courses and requirements, please contact an academic advisor. An academic advisor will assist you in creating a program-specific education plan.

The Brandman Advantage

- Year-round sessions
- Convenient evening and online classes
- Scholar-practitioner faculty
- Exceptional education value
- Financial aid available for those who qualify

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All School of Education programs are nationally accredited by The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and all teacher credential and service credential programs are accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).