

Adding a Full Specialty Area to an Existing Education Specialist Credential

Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe, and Early Childhood Special Education Specialty Areas

Holds	Completes	Earns
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	New 5-Year Level 1 Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Preliminary Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Preliminary Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Level 1 Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ² Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Clear Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²
Clear Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹ (previously held Level I Mild/Moderate)	Preliminary Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²	Clear Mild/Moderate with Moderate/Severe and/or Early Childhood Special Education ²

¹ Autism Spectrum Disorders authorization

² Candidates completing a Preliminary OR Level I Moderate/Severe or Early Childhood Special Education program will earn a document with a full Autism authorization; the ASD authorization is not needed

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Mild/Moderate and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Specialty Areas

Holds	Completes	Earns
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	New 5-Year Level 1 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing without ASD Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Level 1 Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Retains Level I Mild/Moderate
Preliminary Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Preliminary Mild/Moderate and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Level 1 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Level 1 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing without ASD Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Level II Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Preliminary Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD Retains Level II Mild/Moderate
Clear Mild/Moderate with ASD ¹	Preliminary or Level I Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Clear Mild/Moderate and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD
Clear Mild/Moderate without ASD ¹ (previously held Level I Mild/Moderate)	Preliminary or Level I Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ²	Clear Mild/Moderate and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with ASD

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