



KALMANOVITZ
SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Education Specialist Credential (Mild/Moderate Disabilities)
- Master of Education Degree in Special Education

Program Structure

The Kalmanovitz School of Education Special Education Program is a unique, personalized, professional course of study for teaching individuals with special needs. Dedicated and supportive faculty use a holistic approach in their teaching as they guide students toward meeting their professional goals. Students reflect on their field-based experiences by applying their knowledge of theory and accepted practice. All courses integrate current research and an examination of curriculum with field experiences in diverse school settings. The programs in Special Education are designed to prepare candidates for careers in working with children with disabilities and to meet the needs of those presently working in Special Education settings who wish to strengthen their expertise.



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Admissions

Applications are accepted on a year-round basis to begin the Special Education Program in the Summer or January term. An appointment with an Admissions Counselor is required; call (925) 631-4700 to schedule.

All of the following are required for an application to be complete:

- Application and fee. Apply online at www.stmarys-ca.edu/soe-apply.
- A statement of a prospective student's professional goals, included with the application.
- Registration for the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). (To register online, visit www.cbest.nesinc.com). *Note:* It is recommended that students take and pass the CBEST prior to program start.
- Three letters of recommendation from professionals who can evaluate a prospective student's potential to be a teacher.
- A Baccalaureate degree (in any major except education) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- Two official copies of transcripts from all colleges attended.
- Registration for the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) Exam. (To register online, visit www.cset.nesinc.com). *Note:* It is recommended that students take and pass the CSET prior to program start.
- Evidence of health insurance (or a signed waiver) and results of a tuberculin test (within the last four years).

Note: All applicants must have a Certificate of Clearance (or the equivalent) issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), or an application pending, before being admitted to the program. For more information go to www.ctc.ca.gov, or call SMC at (925) 631-4700.

"My SMC training has given me the tools to stand apart from others. I feel like I'm still part of the School of Education community. I speak to my instructors and cohort classmates often."

- Kelly Johnson, Kalmanovitz School of Education Graduate



Course of Study

Education Specialist Credential (Preliminary Credential: Mild/Moderate)	32 Units Total
Summer or January/Spring Start (Satisfies 120 hours needed for internship):	10 Units
Learning & Development for Education Specialists	
Introduction to Inclusive Education	
Best Practices for Education Specialists	
Positive Behavior I	
Educational & Assistive Technology	
Fall (Prerequisites: Successful completion of CBEST & CSET):	10 Units
Teaching & Learning I (Mild/Moderate Disabilities)	
Assessment & Program Planning	
Universal Access for English Learners	
Health Education	
January Term:	2 Units
Advanced Reading Preparation	
Spring:	10 Units
Positive Behavior Support II	
Teaching & Learning II	
Consultation, Collaboration & Communication	

Note: Coursework may be reduced for individuals who hold a current California Multiple or Single Subject Credential. An internship option is available for those candidates who meet established requirements.

Master of Education Degree in Special Education	12 Units Total
Current Issues/Emerging Practice	3
Research I	3
Research II	3
Thesis/Action Research or Approved Applied Research	3



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Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California

INCLUSIVE, GLOBAL, TRANSFORMATIVE

Here at the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's, we are guided by the Lasallian tradition: "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve." Our faculty is committed to the core principles of social justice, quality education and inclusive community, emphasizing the skills of critical thinking, precise communication and creative problem-solving. We offer challenging opportunities for students to experience professional practice.

Our students are:

- Challenged by a curriculum that integrates research-based practices with opportunities for experience in professional settings.
- Guided by an interdisciplinary faculty who excel in teaching, scholarship and service.
- Supported by a staff attuned to the unique needs of active professionals.
- Networked with a cohort of peers who bring diverse perspectives to the exploration of real-world problems.
- Transformed by learning experiences that emphasize inquiry, reflection, ethical values and social justice.

The Kalmanovitz School of Education is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and offers well-respected credential programs approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the American Montessori Society. The Master of Arts Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling (K-12) or School Psychology (3 yrs-12th grade) fulfills the requirements for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. The College is a member of the California Council on the Education of Teachers and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The Financial Aid process begins by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov (Saint Mary's College Title IV code is: #001302). Prospective students should also complete a Saint Mary's Financial Aid application, available on Saint Mary's website. To ensure maximum consideration for all programs, students are asked to contact the Financial Aid Office at (925) 631-4370, or the Kalmanovitz School of Education at (925) 631-4149 with any questions.

In the spring, Kalmanovitz School of Education students (except for those in already discounted programs) have the opportunity to apply for scholarships distributed by the school. Students are encouraged to research and apply for other scholarships that may be available through outside organizations or entities.

The federal government has implemented a Public Service Loan Forgiveness program for anyone working in the public sector. For more information, go to: www.IBRinfo.org.