



Centers for the Re-Education and Advancement of Teachers in Special Education and Related Services Personnel

How to Qualify for CREATE Funds to Pursue a Credential Area

The chart below identifies six (6) credential areas of program preparation supported by CREATE scholarship funds to prepare individuals to serve the needs of students with disabilities in South Carolina public schools.

Follow these steps in using the chart:

1. Identify your **current employment position** (yellow-shaded cells).
2. Look across the row and identify the column for the **credential area** (green-shaded cells) that you want to pursue.
3. Identify the corresponding capital letter in the cell directly beneath the credential area in which you are interested.
4. Scroll to the following page and find the same-lettered section to learn how to qualify for CREATE funds, including documents to submit.

The gray-shaded boxes indicate the credential areas for which you are not eligible, based on your current credentials. Also note some credential areas require written nomination from your local education agency (LEA).

	Behavior Interventionist	Orient-Mobility Specialist	School Psychologist	Sec Transition Specialist	Special Educ Teacher	Speech-Lang Pathologist
General Education Teacher (with an SCDE educator license)	A	B	C	D	E	F
Special Education Teacher (with an SCDE educator license)	G	H	I	J	K	L
Speech-Language Pathologist (with an SCDE educator license)	M	N	O	P	Q	
Other Staff/Teacher Assistant (with an SCDE educator license)	R	S	T	U	V	W
Other Staff/Teacher Assistant (with Bachelor's/Master's degree; no license)					X	Y
Other Staff/Teacher Assistant (with Associate's degree or some/no college)					Z	

The Citadel ♦ Clemson University ♦ Coastal Carolina University ♦ The College of Charleston
 Columbia College ♦ Converse College ♦ Francis Marion University ♦ Furman University
 Lander University ♦ South Carolina State University ♦ Southern Wesleyan University
 USC Aiken ♦ USC Columbia ♦ USC Upstate

A. General Education Teacher > Behavior Interventionist

A Behavior Interventionist is a related services position. To obtain the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) credential, you must complete an add-on national certification program of coursework offered through Frances Marion University or USC Columbia, both fully distance/online programs.

If you meet the three eligibility requirements posted at the homepage, ask your LEA special education director or HR/personnel director to email the CREATE Office for instructions on how to nominate you for this program. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application*
2. Approval from national BCBA Board
3. Program of study for BCBA
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

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B. General Education Teacher > Orientation-Mobility Specialist

An Orientation-Mobility Specialist is a related services position. To obtain the Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) credential, you must complete an add-on national certification program of coursework offered through USC Upstate (mostly distance/online; two summer campus courses required).

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3. Scholarship Loan Agreement

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C. General Education Teacher > School Psychologist

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2. Letter of admission to FMU or The Citadel
3. Program of study for school psychology
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

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D. General Education Teacher > Secondary Transition Specialist

A Secondary Transition Specialist is a related services position. To obtain add-on SCDE licensure as a Secondary Transition Specialist, you must complete a prescribed program of coursework offered through USC Columbia (distance/online).

If you meet the three eligibility requirements posted at the homepage, ask your LEA special education director or HR/personnel director to email the CREATE Office for instructions on how to nominate you for this program. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application*
2. SCDE-issued checksheet for STS add-on
3. Scholarship Loan Agreement

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E. General Education Teacher > Special Education Teacher

To obtain add-on SCDE licensure as a Special Education Teacher in ECSE, ED, HI, ID, LD, Multi-cat, Severe Disabilities, or VI, you must complete a prescribed program of coursework. You may complete your courses (campus or online) at any of the CREATE-sponsored SC colleges/universities.

No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application
2. SCDE-issued checksheet for SpEd add-on
3. Scholarship Loan Agreement

F. General Education Teacher > Speech-Language Pathologist

A Speech-Language Pathologist is a related services position. To obtain SCDE licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist, you must complete a Master's degree program at SC State University (campus program) or USC Columbia (distance/online).

No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application
2. Letter of admission from SCSU or USCC
3. Program of study for SLP
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

G. Special Education Teacher > Behavior Interventionist

A Behavior Interventionist is a related services position. To obtain the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) credential, you must complete an add-on national certification program of coursework offered through Frances Marion University (distance/online) or USC Columbia (campus program).

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3. Program of study for BCBA
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

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H. Special Education Teacher > Orientation-Mobility Specialist

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I. Special Education Teacher > School Psychologist

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1. CREATE application*
2. Letter of admission to FMU or The Citadel
3. Program of study for school psychology
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J. Special Education Teacher > Secondary Transition Specialist

A Secondary Transition Specialist is a related services position. To obtain add-on SCDE licensure as a Secondary Transition Specialist, you must complete a prescribed program of coursework offered through USC Columbia (distance/online).

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2. SCDE-issued checklist for STS add-on
3. Scholarship Loan Agreement

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K. Special Education Teacher > Special Education Teacher

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No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application
2. SCDE-issued checksheet for SpEd add-on
3. Letter from school LEA HR director^
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

^The letter must specify that the LEA is requiring you to complete another area of add-on licensure in Special Education that is needed for your current classroom assignment, or they are requiring it in order to re-assign you to another classroom assignment that reflects the new area of licensure in the near future.

L. Special Education Teacher > Speech-Language Pathologist

A Speech-Language Pathologist is a related services position. To obtain SCDE licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist, you must complete a Master's degree program at SC State University (campus program) or USC Columbia (distance/online).

No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application
2. Letter of admission from SCSU or USCC
3. Program of study for SLP
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

M. Speech-Language Pathologist > Behavior Interventionist

A Behavior Interventionist is a related services position. To obtain the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) credential, you must complete an add-on national certification program of coursework offered through Frances Marion University (distance/online) or USC Columbia (campus program).

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N. Speech-Language Pathologist > Orientation-Mobility Specialist

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O. Speech-Language Pathologist > School Psychologist

A School Psychologist is a related services position. To obtain SCDE licensure as a School Psychologist, you must complete a Specialist degree program at Francis Marion University (distance/online) or at The Citadel (campus program).

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P. Speech-Language Pathologist > Secondary Transition Specialist

A Secondary Transition Specialist is a related services position. To obtain add-on SCDE licensure as a Secondary Transition Specialist, you must complete a prescribed program of coursework offered through USC Columbia (distance/online).

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Q. Speech-Language Pathologist > Special Education Teacher

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No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application
2. SCDE-issued checksheet for SpEd add-on
3. Letter from school LEA HR Director[^]
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

[^]The letter must specify that the LEA is requiring you to complete another area of add-on licensure in Special Education that is needed for your current classroom assignment, or they are requiring it in order to re-assign you to another special education classroom setting that reflects the new area of licensure in the near future.

R. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > Behavior Interventionist

A Behavior Interventionist is a related services position. To obtain the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) credential, you must complete an add-on national certification program of coursework offered through Frances Marion University (distance/online) or USC Columbia (campus program).

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S. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > Orientation-Mobility Specialist

An Orientation-Mobility Specialist is a related services position. To obtain the Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) credential, you must complete an add-on national certification program of coursework offered through USC Upstate (mostly distance/online; two summer campus courses).

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T. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > School Psychologist

A School Psychologist is a related services position. To obtain SCDE licensure as a School Psychologist, you must complete a Specialist degree program at Francis Marion University (distance/online) or at The Citadel (campus program).

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1. CREATE application*
2. Letter of admission to FMU or The Citadel

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3. Program of study for school psychology
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

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U. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > Secondary Transition Specialist

A Secondary Transition Specialist is a related services position. To obtain add-on SCDE licensure as a Secondary Transition Specialist, you must complete a prescribed program of coursework offered through USC Columbia (distance/online).

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V. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > Special Education Teacher

To obtain add-on SCDE licensure in another area of Special Education, including ECSE, ED, HI, ID, LD, Multi-cat, Severe Disabilities, or VI, you must complete a prescribed program of coursework. You may complete your courses (campus or online) at any of the CREATE-sponsored SC colleges/universities. In addition, you must hold a current SC educator license in Speech-Language Therapy/Pathologist or an instructional/teaching area (general or special education).

No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application
2. SCDE-issued checksheet for SpEd add-on
3. Letter from school LEA HR Director^
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

^The letter must specify that the LEA is requiring you to complete another area of add-on licensure in Special Education that is needed for your current classroom assignment, or they are requiring it in order to re-assign you to another special education classroom setting that reflects the new area of licensure in the near future.

W. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > Speech-Language Pathologist

A Speech-Language Pathologist is a related services position. To obtain SCDE licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist, you must complete a Master's degree program at SC State University (campus program) or USC Columbia (distance/online).

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3. Program of study for SLP
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

X. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > Special Education Teacher

Your Bachelor's or Master's degree is in a non-education field, and you do not hold a SC educator license. Therefore, to obtain initial SCDE licensure to teach Special Education, you must complete a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree program that includes a semester of supervised directed teaching.

The following CREATE-sponsored SC colleges offer MAT programs (ED=emotional disabilities; ID=intellectual disabilities; LD=learning disabilities; MC=multi-categorical special education; SEV=severe disabilities; VI=visual impairments). There are no CREATE-sponsored MAT degree programs available in ECSE or HI.

MAT in ED: USC Columbia (campus program)

MAT in ID: Converse College (campus program)

MAT in LD: Converse College (campus program); Francis Marion U. (distance/online program); USC Columbia (campus program)

MAT in MC: Lander U. (distance/online)

MAT in SEV: USC Columbia (campus program)

MAT in VI: USC Upstate (distance/online)

No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application*
2. Letter of admission to Converse C., FMU, USCC, or USCU
3. Program of study for special education area
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

Y. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > Speech-Language Pathologist

A Speech-Language Pathologist is a related services position. To obtain SCDE licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist, you must complete a Master's degree program at SC State University (campus program) or USC Columbia (distance/online).

No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application
2. Letter of admission from SCSU or USCC
3. Program of study for SLP
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement

Z. Other Staff/Teacher Assistant > Special Education Teacher

You do not hold a Bachelor's degree, although you may have an Associate's degree or some/no college credits. Therefore, to obtain initial SCDE licensure to teach Special Education, you must complete a Bachelor's degree program that includes a semester of supervised directed teaching.

The following CREATE-sponsored SC colleges offer a Bachelor's (BACH) degree in Multi-categorical (MC) special education. There are no CREATE-sponsored BACH degree programs in ECSE, ED, HI, ID, LD, SEV, or VI:

Columbia College (fully distance/online); no previous college credit required to qualify for CREATE funds.

USC Aiken (mostly distance/online; some campus courses); must complete 60 credits with other funds, before eligible for CREATE funds.

No eligibility criteria or LEA nomination required. To qualify for CREATE funds, submit the following:

1. CREATE application
2. Letter of admission to Columbia College or USC Aiken
3. Program of study for special education area
4. Scholarship Loan Agreement