DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

COLLEGE	**College of Community Innovation and Education**
PROGRAM	**Exceptional Student Education K–12 MA**

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UCF program identified above prepares students for state-regulated professional certification or endorsement. However, specific certification and endorsement requirements may vary by state or territory. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential from an institution and program that meet certain requirements in that state (e.g., specific coursework, accredited status), passing a state or national exam, and/or working in the field for a period of time or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional certification or endorsement, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you intend to practice.

Effective July 1, 2024, federal regulation requires the university to meet all educational requirements for state-regulated licensure or certification in every U.S. state and territory where its eligible programs are offered. This disclosure is intended to provide you with information regarding the educational preparation you will receive in your chosen program of study.[1]

UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

The Exceptional Student Education K–12 (MA) program meets the educational requirements for certification in Exceptional Student Education (Grades K–12) in the state of Florida. Graduates of this state-approved teacher preparation program who have passed all applicable portions of the Florida Teacher Certification Examination (FTCE) will qualify for a Professional Florida Educator's Certificate. For information on all requirements for this credential,[2] please review the Florida Department of Education certification requirements available here: https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/.

UCF Program Preparation in Other U.S. States and Territories[3]

We have not determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for certification or endorsement in any state other than Florida.

If you are interested in seeking certification or endorsement outside the state of Florida, we encourage you to review the appropriate state board of education information to determine all requirements needed to obtain your credential of interest. You are also welcome to reach out to the UCF program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

Enrollment Eligibility Restrictions[4]

To comply with federal enrollment restrictions, UCF may only enroll students physically located in the states and territories where it meets all educational requirements for the credential it prepares students to achieve.

Accordingly, we are generally unable to enroll students physically located outside Florida during their first term of enrollment in the program unless they intend to pursue licensure in a state or territory where UCF does meet educational eligibility requirements and submit a written attestation to this effect. Please reach out to the program contact listed below for additional guidance in this regard.

Programmatic Accreditation[5]

This program is accredited by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP). Programmatic accreditation is typically required for state-regulated licensure in this field. Recognition by AAQEP is specific to the program and is distinct from UCF's institutional accreditation that is required for other purposes, including UCF's authorization to award federal financial aid to students.

UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We have not determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for certification or endorsement outside the United States. It is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you intend to practice.

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[1] As required by UCF's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1).
[2] As required by 38 CFR 21.4259(e).
[3] Following 34 CFR 600.2, a state is defined as a State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.
[4] To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32).
[5] To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32).