Figure 1: Classification of Initial & Advanced Level Programs & Preparation Standards

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- **Initial level preparation program.**
  - **NO** Admission restricted to candidates holding a valid teaching credential?
  - **YES** Advanced level preparation program.
    - **NO** Program designed for candidates holding valid special education credential?
    - **YES** Use Advanced Level Preparation Standards
      - Go to Figure 2.2
  - Use Initial Level Preparation Standards
    - Go to Figure 2.1
Figure 2.1: CEC Initial Special Education Preparation Standards

Determine Appropriate CEC Preparation Standards

Program prepares candidates to teach...

YES

...individuals with Mild/Moderate disabilities only?

YES

...Individualized General Education Curriculum Specialty Set

NO

...individuals with Severe/Profound disabilities only?

YES

...Individualized Independence Curriculum Specialty Set

NO

...individuals with disabilities in Early Childhood Special Education only?

YES

...Early Childhood Special Education Specialty Set

NO

...all categories & ages of individuals with disabilities?

YES

...Individualized General Education Curriculum Specialty Set

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AND

...Individualized Independence Curriculum Specialty Set

...respective CEC specialization Knowledge and Skill Set, e.g.,
- Emotional & Behavior Disorders
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Developmental Disabilities & Autism
- Gifts & Talents
- Learning Disabilities
- Physical & Health Disabilities
- Blind & Visual Impairments
- Deafblindness
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Program admission restricted to candidates holding valid special education credential?

YES

Program prepares Special Education role-based specialists?

YES

Program prepares Special Education Category or Age-based Specialists

NO

Program prepares candidates in another special education advanced area?

YES

Use Advanced Preparation Standards informed by ...

...the respective Special Education Advanced Specialty Set, i.e.
- Special Education Administrator
- Special Education Diagnostic Specialist
- Special Education Transition Specialist
- Special Education Technology Specialist
- Special Education Inclusion Specialist

...the respective Special Education Categorical Specialist Knowledge and Skill Set, i.e.
- Learning Disabilities Specialist
- Developmental Disabilities/Autism Specialist
- Special Education Early Childhood Specialist
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist

the Advanced Common Core Specialty Set and any additional program standards identified by the program faculty.

NO

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Program will use CEC Initial Preparation Standards.

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