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College of Education, Graduate Studies
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INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

OPTION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION

Website:

www.csulb.edu/college-of-education/curriculum-and-instruction

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Video conferencing is available, email ced-gradstudies@csulb.edu
to set up an appointment Monday – Friday 9AM-5PM

APPLICATION DEADLINES

APPLICANT	FALL 2020
DOMESTIC	6/01/2020
INTERNATIONAL	4/01/2020

BOTH THE UNIVERSITY AND PROGRAM APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Is the GRE required?

A. The GRE is not required for this program. For a list of eligibility requirements, please see page 5. For a list of items required to be submitted with the program application, please see checklist on page 8.

Q. Does this program combine a Master's Degree with a preliminary teaching credential?

A. CSULB does not offer a combined teaching credential and master's degree. If you are interested in earning the credential to teach, please visit the [Teacher Preparation Advising Center website](#) for teaching credential program options.

Q. Does coursework for the program count toward a teacher induction program (i.e.- BTSA)?

A. No, the program coursework does not count toward an induction program. Please consult with your school district for information about an induction program.

Q. How long does the program take to complete?

A. The program is designed to be completed in 2 years. Upon admission, the program coordinator will provide each newly admitted student their program plan.

Q. How much will the program cost?

A. This program requires 30-33 units. Most students enroll in 2 courses (6 units) each Fall and Spring semester. Please refer to the [Tuition and Fees website](#) for a complete breakdown for "Graduate" fees. Summer enrollment is optional; please note there is limited availability of summer courses. Please refer to the [College of Professional and International Education website](#) for a breakdown of summer fees.

Q. Where do I send transcripts?

A. Transcripts are sent to Enrollment Services. Please see pages 5-6 of this packet for additional information. Do not send your transcripts to the College of Education Graduate Studies Office.

Q. When does the program have admission?

A. This program starts in the fall semester. This program does not have a spring admission cycle.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Master of Arts Degree in Education, option in Curriculum and Instruction (Elementary Education or Secondary Education) is a 30-33 unit program and is designed to foster the development of educators who are caring, effective, reflective, and committed to improving their schools. Coursework prepares teachers to apply theoretical insights and research findings to the practical problems they encounter in their work in curriculum and instruction. In addition to preparing graduate students to make useful connections between theory, research, and practice, the program also sets the goal of strengthening students' ability to effectively communicate their knowledge and understanding of current educational problems to diverse audiences (i.e., students, parents, colleagues, school and district administrators, and policymakers). The Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) program serves two distinct types of students. One type of student is the new teacher; these students continue directly from the basic credential programs and seek continuing and ongoing professional development during their first years of teaching. A second type is the experienced teacher; these students have obtained a sense of confidence and efficacy in their teaching abilities and seek greater intellectual challenges in understanding educational problems that are manifested in their professional experiences, mostly in urban education. The curriculum has been broadly designed with these two types of students in mind.

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the program to develop and support a community of life-long learners who are actively engaged in reflection, research and scholarly activities that contribute to their personal and professional growth. Professional growth in turn helps graduates to improve the schools, agencies, and communities they serve. The C & I program aims to expand teachers' knowledge base and professional competency so that they may help K-12 students from all segments of society achieve their fullest potential and contribute to the building of a vibrant democracy.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Graduates develop and apply theoretical insights and research findings to curriculum, instruction, and assessment in K-12 schools.
- Graduates develop an understanding of the contexts in which educational thought and practice in the United States originated, developed, became institutionalized, and changed over time.
- Graduates have a critical understanding of theoretical perspectives and the design, implementation, and evaluation of curriculum in the context of the school in the 21st century.
- Graduates develop the capacity to effectively communicate their knowledge and understanding of current educational problems to diverse audiences.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students can develop and apply theoretical insights and research findings to curriculum, instruction, and assessment in K-12 schools.
- Students can analyze how the major philosophical and historical paradigms of elementary and secondary education have influenced contemporary reform movements, curricula, and instructional practices.
- Students can identify and analyze current multicultural issues and policies in education in the U.S. and globally from a critical perspective.
- Students can analyze how knowledge in their subject area is conceptualized, created, organized, and assessed by analyzing a curriculum and assessment system.
- Students can design and conduct an action research study, using appropriate data gathering and analysis techniques.
- Students can collect and analyze data appropriate for their action research questions and goals, utilizing academic research that informs the study.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Admitted students should consult with their advisor regarding appropriate course selection. It is important that candidates take courses in the advised sequence. Candidates will therefore need to be available to take courses at the day, time, and semester they are offered. Core courses for this program are typically offered weeknights beginning at 4PM or at 7PM, and are subject to changes to accommodate university, college or program needs.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION: ELEMENTARY PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Prerequisites include:
 - A valid teaching credential OR by permission of the Program Coordinator.
- Please see the [CSULB Catalog](#) for additional detailed information about prerequisites.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION: ELEMENTARY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- The program consists of 30-33 units.
- A program planner will be provided to each student upon admission.
- Each Fall and Spring semester, students typically enroll in 2 courses (6 units). Summer enrollment is optional; there is limited availability of summer courses.
- Please see the [CSULB Catalog](#) for additional detailed information about course requirements.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION: SECONDARY PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Prerequisites include:
 - A valid teaching credential OR by permission of the Program Coordinator.
- Please see the [CSULB Catalog](#) for additional detailed information about prerequisites.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION: SECONDARY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- The program consists of 30-33 units.
- A program planner will be provided to each student upon admission.
- Each Fall and Spring semester, students typically enroll in 2 courses (6 units). Summer enrollment is optional; there is limited availability of summer courses.
- Please see the [CSULB Catalog](#) for additional detailed information about course requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

The following are required for admission to the program:

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- A valid teaching credential or by consent of program coordinator.
- Minimum 2.85 overall grade point average in last degree (not credential or certificate) earned from an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants whose overall GPA is less than 2.85 but meet the University minimum GPA requirement (2.50 for a completed baccalaureate degree or 2.70 for a baccalaureate degree in progress) and who present compelling evidence of academic and professional potential either through recent academic performance and/or experiential background, may be considered for admission at the discretion of the program admission committee.
- International applicants have additional university application requirements including meeting the English language proficiency requirement. Please visit The Center for International Education (CIE) website at www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/ for more information.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate applicants must apply to the university AND to a specific graduate program simultaneously by the deadline listed on the first page of this packet. Admissions decisions are made at the program level by the faculty. It is essential to follow the guidelines for applying to both the university and program. Failure to do so, and to do so in a timely manner, may result in not being considered for program and/or university admission. If you have questions, please contact the College of Education Graduate Studies Office at ced-gradstudies@csulb.edu. Video conferencing is also available Monday – Friday 9AM-5PM, please email us to set up an appointment.

Admission cannot be deferred. Admitted students who do not attend the term they are admitted will need to re-apply to both the university and the program for a future term.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCEDURES

You must submit a Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Admissions Application online at [Cal State Apply](https://calstateapply.com) accompanied by the \$70 nonrefundable application fee by the program application deadline.

The Graduate Studies Office has created a [tutorial](#) with tips for submitting the university application on Cal State Apply. For technical assistance with the university application, please contact the Cal State Apply Help Desk: (857) 304-2087 or CalStateApply@liaisoncas.com

Once the university application has been submitted, applicants can track their university application in the Applicant Self Service portal, found at: www.csulb.edu/admissions/applicant-self-service.

TRANSCRIPTS

You must submit 1 set of official transcripts for ALL colleges and universities attended to Enrollment Services. This includes all community college(s) attended, bachelor's degree(s) coursework, and all post-baccalaureate or extension coursework. Note that if you received your bachelor's degree from CSULB and have not attended any other university or college since, you will most likely not need to provide transcripts. You will be notified by Enrollment Services if a transcript is needed.

Submit official transcripts to Enrollment Services either (1) electronically or (2) mail.

(1) Official transcripts may be submitted electronically directly from a U.S. college or university to ES-IDPTrans@csulb.edu.

(2) Official transcripts may be delivered in a sealed envelope to the address below:

Enrollment Services/Admissions
California State University, Long Beach
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840

You are not required to submit transcripts to the College of Education Graduate Studies Office. It is critical that you submit your university application and the transcripts prior to the program application deadline. This will allow the College of Education faculty and staff access to your transcripts as part of the review of your program application.

PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The program application may be found on pages 8-12 in this packet. All program application materials must be received by the deadline; please see the first page of this packet for the deadline.

Submit program application materials to the Graduate Studies Office electronically via email to:

ced-gradstudies@csulb.edu.

Program application materials can be found on pages 8-12 of this packet. Please submit via email to

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The College of Education Graduate Studies Office will send you an email once we have processed your application. Please note that this may take several days.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

We encourage international applicants to consider our graduate degree. International applicants planning to attend on a J1 or F1 VISA have additional requirements for admission, and can find admission information at the [Center for International Education website](#). Please note that some programs have earlier deadlines for international (F1 or J1 VISA) applicants. Please verify all deadline dates in the application packet on the [Program Deadlines and Application Packets page](#).

APPLICATION PROCESS – TWO STEPS

1. STEP ONE: Apply to the university

- a. Complete the university application through Cal State Apply www.calstate.edu/apply
- b. See this checklist from the Center for International Education for all items required
www.cpie.csulb.edu/International/about.aspx?PID=6

2. STEP TWO: Apply to the program (see above)

The program application may be found on pages 8-12 in this packet. All program application materials must be received by the application deadline; please see the first page of this packet for the deadline.

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Program application materials can be found on pages 8-12 of this packet. Please submit via email to

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ADMISSION PROCESS

PHASE 1: PROGRAM APPLICATION PAPER REVIEW

You must submit all of the items listed on the program application checklist. The Admissions Committee will review the program application materials approximately four to six weeks after the deadline. You will be notified by email regarding the status of your application. The program coordinator may contact you with questions about your application.

PHASE 2: ORIENTATION

Candidates who are invited for admission will be notified by email and will be invited to a mandatory orientation meeting with the program coordinator. During orientation, a program plan will be developed and you will be advised as to the appropriate sequence of classes.



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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The information on pages 8 and 9 of this packet may be typed or hand-written.

SEMESTER:

YEAR:

OBJECTIVE, CHOOSE ONE: ☐ **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION** ☐ **SECONDARY EDUCATION**

PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

You must provide all of the items listed below. Please do not submit pages 1-7 of this packet.

- ☐ Application for Admission form (pages 8 and 9 of this packet)
- ☐ Résumé
- ☐ Personal statement (see page 10)
- ☐ Two completed recommendation forms and narrative letters (pages 11 & 12 of this packet)
- ☐ Copy of teaching credential, if held

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

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Other Names, if applicable (for example, maiden name):

Preferred Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Email Address:

Languages Spoken Other Than English (optional):

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

College/University

Program/Major

Dates Attended

GPA

Degree Earned



ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

CREDENTIALS HELD, IF ANY

Credential	Issuing Agency	Date granted	Expiration date

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Employer	Position	Location	Full/Part Time	Dates

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Agency / Organization	Nature of Experience	Location	Hours per week	Dates

Applicants will receive an email notification once their application has been processed.

My signature below certifies that I have read the program information and I am familiar with the program's goals, mission, requirements, and procedures as posted.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____



PERSONAL STATEMENT

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Submit a 2-3 page double-spaced typewritten personal statement. It should address the following two questions:

- 1) What are your professional and academic experiences that led you to apply to the Curriculum and Instruction program?
- 2) What are your professional and academic goals you believe the Curriculum and Instruction program may help you achieve them?

Each question may be answered sequentially, or the applicant may integrate his or her responses to all questions into one central discussion.

ASSESSMENT OF APPLICANT

Please indicate your evaluation of the applicant by placing a check mark where appropriate:

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Cannot Comment
Academic Writing Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellectual Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability with Diverse Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential for Graduate Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate your overall recommendation for the applicant's admission to the program at California State University, Long Beach with a check mark:

- ☐ Strongly recommend
- ☐ Recommend
- ☐ Recommend with reservations
- ☐ Do not recommend

LETTER

PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER MAKING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ABOUT THIS APPLICANT. In the letter of recommendation, please provide information relevant to the applicant's suitability for graduate study in Curriculum and Instruction. Please cover topics such as the applicant's academic abilities and intellectual capacity, personal qualities, maturity, ability to work with diverse groups of people, and obstacles overcome. It is not necessary to address each of the topics noted above, especially if you do not have a basis for commenting on the applicant's abilities in a certain area. Please include any additional topics that you believe are relevant to the applicant's preparation and suitability for this graduate program.

When you have completed this form and letter of recommendation, please place them together in an envelope, seal, sign over the seal, and return to the applicant. The applicant is required to submit the letter along with a complete set of application materials by the deadline.

Recommender Signature: _____ Date: _____

We thank you for taking the time to complete this Recommendation Form and Letter.